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St.Laurence Announces Winners of Writing Contest

St. Laurence High School has announced the winners of its annual Writing Contest for Eighth Grade Boys which was held on December 7 at St. Laurence. The topic for the contest was given on the day of the contest and participants' essays were judged by teachers of the English Department of St. Laurence. This year, all three top prizes were won by boys from St. Patricia's Grammer School in Hickory Hills. Winners of the contest were (left to right) Mark Meyer (second place), Dan Slubowski (first place) and Jason Cruz (third place). Pictured with them is their English teacher, Theresa Kosan.

Supervisor of Stickney Township announces Elder Abuse Assistance

Older persons aged 60 and over are protected under Illinois Law from being physically emotionally, or financially victimized. Anyone who suspects that an elder person is being abused can report the situation to Stickney Township Office on Aging. Stickney Township Office on Aging is trained to investigate and assist in abuse cases. Your good faith report is protected from civil and/or criminal prosecution under the Elder Abuse and Neglect Act of 1988.

A case worker will contact the alleged victim and help arrange for services that are most appropriate to help alleviate the abuse. Those services may include in-home care, adult day services, legal assistance, or law enforcement intervention. The older person has the right to accept or decline services.

Please contact Stickney Township Office on Aging at (708) 636-8850 if you suspect someone you know is being abused.

Reminder of April 1st Elections

There will be an election on Tuesday, April 1, 2003 in the Village of Oak Lawn for the Office of Trustee in Districts 1, 3 & 5, Library Board Trustees, Park Board Commissioners and School Board Members. Petitions for Oak Lawn Village Trustee in Districts 1, 3 & 5 and Library Board Candidates are filed with the Oak Lawn Village Clerk. The first day to file petitions is Monday, January 13, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. Those candidates in the Clerk's Office at 8:30 a.m. will be considered simultaneously filed and will participate in a lottery. The last day to file nomination petitions is Tuesday, January 21, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. There is no lottery for the last place on the ballot. The Clerk's Office is located at 9446 S. Raymond Avenue on the 2nd floor. The Village is handicapped accessible and there is an elevator in the center of the lobby. For further information, please call Jayne Powers, Village Clerk, at (708) 499-7738.

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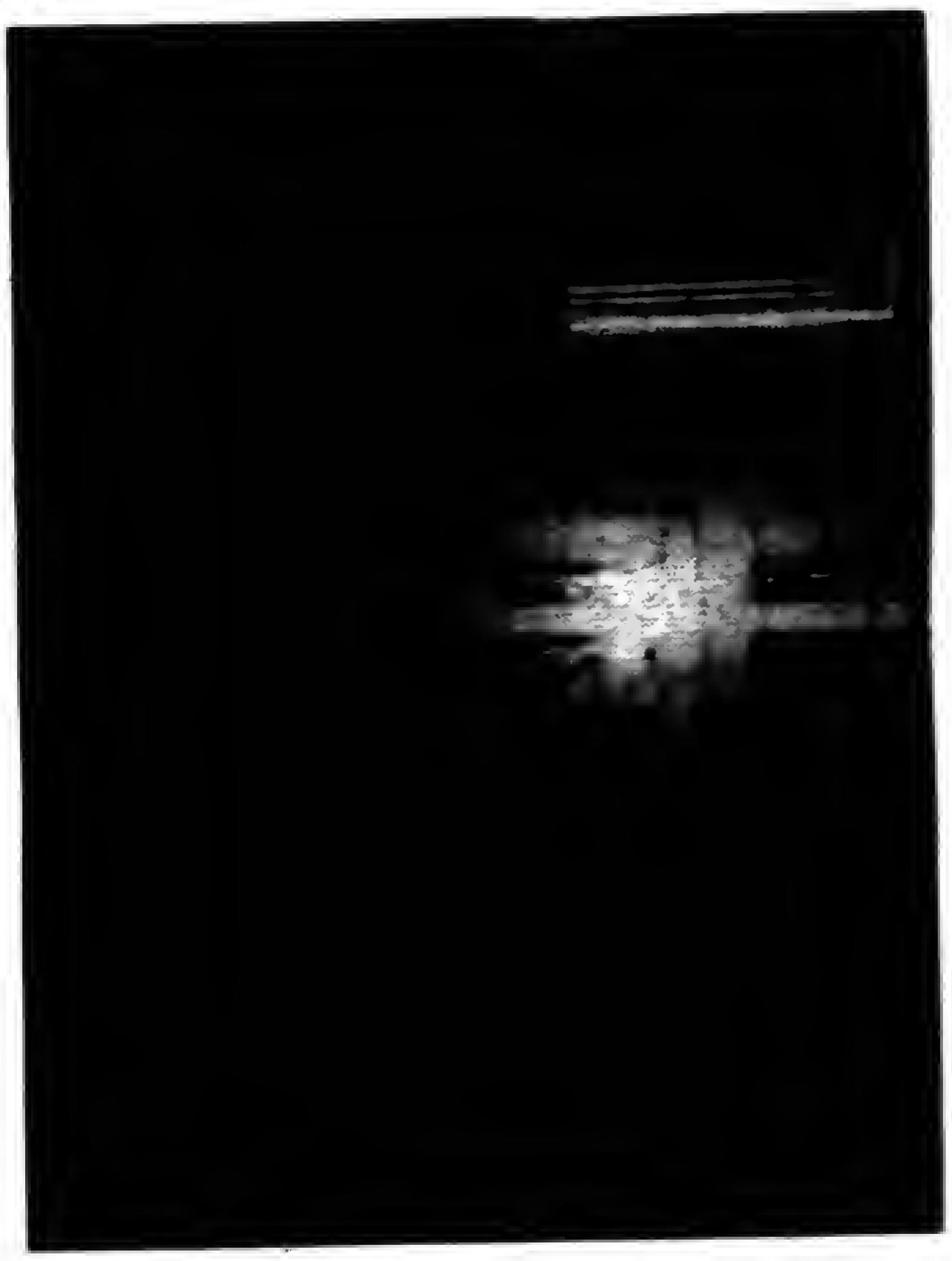

St. Laurence Senior and Beverly Caddie Michael Danaher receives Evens Scholarship

St. Laurence senior Michael Danaher (Burbank) has been named a recipient of the prestigious Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship. The scholarship is named after one of golf's greatest amateurs Charles "Chick" Evans, Jr. who learned the game of golf as a caddie and gained worldwide recognition in 1916 when he became the first golfer ever to win both the U.S. Amateur and U.S. Open Championships in the same year. Evans always wished to maintain his amateur status and so he directed that any money he received from golf be put toward scholarships for caddies. The first two Evans Scholars attended Northwestern University in 1930 and since then, more than 7,000 men and women have graduated college as Evans Scholars. Evans Scholars are expected to maintain high standards set by the program in the areas of scholarship, leadership, and fellowship. The Scholars live together in the Scholarship Houses set up on University Campuses.

Danaher has been a caddie at Beverly Country Club for the past 4 years, is ranked number one in his class and will be attending Northwestern University next fall.

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Evergreen Park Attorney Pleads Guilty for Defrauding

Attorney General Jim Ryan and Cook County State's Attorney Richard A. Devine today announced the conviction of an Evergreen Park attorney for fraudulently obtaining more than $1.2 million in charitable and investment funds.

John E. Utz, 56, with offices at 9149 S. Mozart, pled guilty today in Cook County Circuit Court to one count of Wire Fraud and one count of Mail Fraud, both Class 3 felonies.

Utz was the trustee of a number of charitable trusts and a partner in a number of investment partnerships. In those roles he was responsible for investing more than $15 million in trust and partnership assets. Between 1998 and 2002, Utz diverted between $1.2 million and $1.9 million of these assets to himself. Some of the money was used to purchase real estate in Florida and overseas, including a condominium in Lithuania.

The victims of this scheme were from Cook, DuPage, Iroquois, Kankakee, Knox, LaSalle, Livingston, Logan, Marshall, McLean, Peoria, Randolph, Tazeweel and Whiteside counties.

Under the terms of the plea agreement, Utz will be sentenced to 4 1/2 years in prison and ordered to pay $1.5 million in restitution, $800,000 of which will be paid at the time of the plea. The restitution will be held in escrow by the Attorney General pending distribution to the defrauded charities and other victims. Utz must also take steps to disbar himself.

Additionally, Utz himself was allegedly victimized by an investment fraud and lost more than $3 million of trust and partnership funds through these schemes. Utz has agreed to cooperate with state and federal authorities in the investigation and prosecution of these matters.

Publisher's Pen

by Annette Dixon

Obituary- This is not just an ordinary obituary for the person that passed away, no because Robert Kenny was not just an ordinary man.

Extraordinary is the word. At St. Gerald's parish, he was not only a volunteer but a pillar of the church. His lovely wife Mary was always at his side. They had raised all their children at St. Gerald School and they continued to send them to Catholic secondary schools and colleges.,

Robert Kenny was not only well known as an attorney but also an attorney in the village of Oak Lawn.

Bob always had a smile and a kind word each time we would meet. He surely will be missed.

The wake will be held Tues., January 7th, at McCann's on 107th & Pulaski Rd. and the funeral service will be held Wed. January 8, at 11:00 am at St. Gerald Church, 93rd and Central Ave.

Call to advertise in the January 21st Issue to increase you business!

FREE THINGS FOR REQUEST

When it comes to do-it-yourself projects, people should make sure safety comes first—especially when working with electricity. In fact, the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) cautions homeowners to think twice about doing their own electrical work. EFSI offers in-home and outdoor electrical safety booklets to help you keep your project safe. If you don't know what you're doing, consider hiring a qualified, licensed electrician. For information about home electrical safety, visit the EFSI Web site at www.electricalsafety.org or call 703-841-3229.

More than 100 million people lack dental insurance and cannot access oral health care, the Academy of General Dentistry reports. That, however, shouldn't keep you from having a great smile. Seeking free dental advice, more than 8,800 consumers called the Academy of General Dentistry's 2002 SmileLine hotline, sponsored with help from Dentsply International and Kodak Dental Products. For free dental advice, post questions on SmileLine Online, www.agd.org. For a free dental brochure, call 1-877-2X-A-YEAR.

Settlement is made with First USA/Bank One to Protect Consumers

Attorney General Jim Ryan joined 27 other states and Puerto Rico in announcing an agreement with First USA/Bank One to protect consumers from alleged unfair and deceptive practices by telemarketing firms that solicited business using the institution's customer lists and encrypted credit card numbers.

"When a company sells its lists to telemarketers, it has some obligation to protect consumers from unfair and deceptive solicitations," said Ryan. "This agreement will hold First USA/Bank One responsible for the way these telemarketers do business with First USA/Bank One customers."

The agreement settles a multi-state, three-year investigation led by Ryan and attorneys general in New York, California, Ohio and Vermont. They were looking into consumer complaints about the marketing practices of the bank's business partners.

The investigation revealed that since the mid-1990s, First USA/Bank One received a percentage of sales made by companies selling various products and services to bank customers. Consumers complained that deceptive pitches by these companies resulted in consumers being charged for products and services that they did not knowingly agree to purchase.

In some cases, telemarketers promoted free trial offers on dental plans or credit card loss protection service. When the trial period ended, consumers did not understand that the companies would charge their credit card for continued use unless the consumers canceled during the trial period.

While First USA/Bank One admits no wrongdoing, it has agreed to pay $1.3 million to the states. Illinois will receive $135,000 to cover costs of the investigation. In addition, First USA/Bank One has agreed to consumer protection measures that include:

* prohibiting customer charges unless there is express authorization of the account holder;

* requiring the bank to review and approve all telemarketing scripts and marketing materials;

* requiring telemarketing firms to comply with all applicable consumer protection laws;

* and requiring clear and conspicuous disclosure of the identity of the telemarketing company if the script makes reference to First USA/Bank One.

Joining Illinois, California, New York and Ohio in the settlement are: Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin. Puerto Rico also joined in the settlement.

Meany installed as Commissioner of the District

Commissioner Kathleen Therese Meany of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago was recently installed as Commissioner of the District. This is her third 6 year term. She also serves as Vice President of the District.

Pictured is, left to right, Alderman Virginia A. Rugai of the 19th Ward; Commissioner Kathleen Therese Meany; Tom Hynes, 19th Wark Democratic Committeeman and also Democratic National Executive Committeeman of Illinois; and Commissioner Meany's husband, Sal.

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Girl Scouts Ready to Celebrate the 2003 Cookie Sale

When Girl Scouting began 91 years ago, no one could anticipate what would become one of the most recognized elements of the program. On January 17 that feature will be activated again when girls start taking orders for 2003's girl Scout cookies.

Cookie sale activities help girls learn and practice critical life skills such as setting goals, managing money, and communicating with all kinds of people, while raising needed funds for their troops and the council.

"Each box of Girl Scout Cookies purchases helps a young girl grow stronger and more self-confident. In addition, with the help of the sale the South Cook County Council offers some wonderful things such as Girl Scouting in the School Day, our Summer Wonders program, special events teaching about media influences, career options, tool skills and culinary arts, weekend activities at Camp Palos and the Friendship Center, ongoing training for volunteers, and much more. These are ways the girls benefit from the revenue raised through the Cookie Sale'.

"The sale also helps make possible our ongoing emphasis on 'Girl Scouting: For Every Girl Everywhere' and helps us continue the positive effect Girl Scouting has on our members. Everyone who buys these cookies should be proud of the way they help Girl Scouting make a difference in girls lives," says Danna Rahn-Thamm, executive director of Girl Scouts of South Cook County.

There are eight kinds of cookies from ABC Bakers, all $3.00 a box. They include Shortbread, Thin Mints, Caramel DeLites, Animal Treasures, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Friendship Circles embossed with the word "friend" in one of 18 different languages, and reduced-fat Lemon Pastry Cremes.

This year Girl Scouts are celebration the classic cookie that started it all - the shortbread. Shortbread cookies and Girl Scouts have been connected for about 65 years, and it's still one of the favorites, although the honor of being the national best selling goes to Thin Mints.

Brownie through Senior Girl Scouts of South Cook County will be taking orders from January 17 through February 2, 2003. Cookies will be delivered to customers March 8-16.

For more information about the Cookie Sale or about Girl Scouting in the South Cook County Council, call (708) 957-8100.

Allgauer's Host Annual Cook-off

To help celebrate its 30th anniversary, Allgauer's on the Riverfront, 2855 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Northbrook, will host the 10th annual "Chicken S(o)uper Bowl" cook-off on Saturday, January 25, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The event will challenge kitchen quarterbacks to dust off their playbooks and offer up their secret recipes in a quest to be the next "Souper Star."

Held annually one day before the NFL's Super Bowl, the Chicken Souper Bowl is open to all amateur chefs and strives to uncover the perfect cup of soup. Located in the Hilton Northbrook, Allgauer's will award the top three entries with cash prizes, overnight stays and complimentary meals.

Entry into the Chicken S(o)uper Bowl is FREE with 1st Place prize of $100 plus Saturday night stay at the Hilton Northbrook and lavish Allgauer's Sunday brunch for four. Second and third place finishers will receive $50 and $25 respectively plus choice of Friday night SeaFest dinner for two OR lavish Sunday brunch for two at Allgauer's.

Past winners of the Chicken Souper Bowl have included entries of wide variety and taste, including: Dr. Dickies Smokey Chicken Chowder, Zesty Chunky Chicken soup with Orzo, Boo's Creamy Cajun Corn Chowder, and Belinda's Chunky Chicken Vegetable & Floral Pasta Soup.

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***Water Signs**: Be aware that this is a year where your numbers are talking loud and clear - that you decide what to do, when to do it and with whom! Taurus, Libra and people born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign can be your greatest help or let down! Drink more water and above all, save some money for travel, and don't get talked out of doing things you want to do for yourself and others. There is much jealousy around you. L...and T help.

***Earth Signs**: If you really do not like your job, you are doing yourself no favours or your boss any favours by staying on it. You have to make some serious choices this month. Some of you may not have a choice concerning your work-life. Many companies are merging or shutting down. If you have a job and can find something good about it, change your mind and learn to like it or... someone else will! Gemini and Virgo people involved and R...L and C. Exercise both mind and body this month especially. You are stagnant.

***Fire Signs**: You could find offers and help coming from a multitude of sources. Everything you want is made available, so open your eyes, look around and reach out and take what is offered. You seem ready to meet new challenges concerning your own talents or abilities. Others see this and want to join with you. Sagittarius and Pisces people are surely involved in this year's activities. A matter of housing, a matter of more money and what should be done with it, and a healthier you emerges.

***Air Signs**: The words "I can't" no longer apply to the new you that was or will be born on your birthday this year. The new year refuses to house negative thoughts or embittered people. You may travel soon, so be ready. A wonderful time to remodel, decorate or even move. You have many ideas floating into no-where if you are not careful. Pisces and Scorpio people are helps to you but also very challenging to you. You love a good competition, so go for it! Take them on! M and K also involved.

NOTE: Start the year out fresh - how will YOUR 2003 turn out? Have a **ONE-ON-ONE** Psychic Session with me, in person or by phone. Or have a **HOUSE PARTY**. [FREE Genii tape w/1 on 1 services this month. ***"Making Contact"*** Sessions Jan 13 & 29. I can contact someone for you who has passed on. 7:30PM at Baymont Inn/Alsip [pre-paid, non-refundable]. Private & Home Contact Sessions available. Call us at **708-597-5866** for info & resvr. **Mini-Sessions** at Oak Forest Bowl Jan 6 & 20 [6:30-8/152nd & S. Cicero] & Willoughby's Jan 8 & 22 [6:30-8/122nd & S. Harlem]. Appts or Walk-in's welcome. Call us. And for quick answers [fee involved] call the ***JackiMariHelpLine*** for my psychic Input, or go online to ***ePSYCHICanswers*** in my website ***JackiMari.Com***

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A B C D E F G Children's Health

Educating Parents About RSV

Reducing The Leading Cause Of Hospitalization For Children Under The Age Of One

The best time to learn about RSV is before your child is hospitalized to treat the disease.

(NAPS)—Whether they want a boy or a girl, most parents wish for a healthy child.

While parents can't protect their children from every health risk, they can help prevent a serious childhood illness known as Respiratory Syncytial Virus or RSV. According to a recent study, RSV was the leading cause of infant hospitalizations for three consecutive years.

"The study confirms what we have long suspected: RSV is a serious pediatric healthcare issue and not to be taken lightly," said Dr. Paula Elbirt, a pediatric pulmonologist and Medical Director of Children's Aid Society. "Education about RSV and ways to help prevent it is extremely important."

RSV is a common lower respiratory tract infection. Premature babies and infants with chronic lung conditions are at increased risk for complications from serious RSV disease.

The symptoms of RSV may be similar to a cold at first and can include fever, runny nose, and other cold-like symptoms. An infected baby may get sick very quickly.

Symptoms may include: coughing, difficulty breathing, wheezing (a whistling sound), rapid breathing, and inability to eat.

Since RSV complications can strike rapidly, parents of at-risk children need to act fast by calling their pediatrician or healthcare provider immediately if signs of RSV complications appear.

Parents of at-risk infants can help reduce their baby's risk of exposure to the RSV virus by:

- Requiring family members and caregivers to always wash their hands with warm water and soap before touching the baby.
- Limiting the baby's exposure to people with cold symptoms or fevers—No kissing the baby and avoid visits from people with colds during RSV season, which generally runs from the fall through the spring.
- Keeping the baby away from crowded places such as shopping malls and family gatherings.
- Never smoking around the baby.
- Consulting your child's pediatrician about RSV risks and prevention.

There is a medication, Synagis (palivizumab) that is approved for preventing serious complications from RSV disease in certain pediatric patients under 2 years old at the start of RSV season. The drug is given through an injection, administered once every month during RSV season. The most frequently reported adverse events potentially related to Synagis were fever, nervousness and injection-site reaction. Adverse events that occurred in greater than one percent of the Synagis group and for which the incidence was greater than one percent higher than in the placebo group included upper respiratory infection, otitis media, rhinitis, rash, pain, hernia, increase in SGOT and pharyngitis.

For more information about RSV, call 1-877-848-8512, visit the PreemieCare Web site at www.MOSTonline.org or visit www.rsvprotection.com.

St. Laurence Varsity Basketball Team Captures Lincoln-Way Round Table Holiday Tournament

The St. Laurence Varsity Basketball Team captured the Lincoln-Way Round Table Basketball Holiday Tournament held at Lincoln-Way from December 26-30. The Vikings won the title in the championship game against Lincoln-Way with a final score of 69-53. St. Laurence compiled a record of 4-0 having previously defeated Plainfield South, Bogan, and Robeson in tournament play. This makes for the second holiday tournament the Vikings have won this season. St. Laurence was also the championship team in the Ken Neibrugge Classic held at Stagg High School during the Thanksgiving holiday. Head Coach Tom Pallardy, who is assisted by coaches Steve Madden and Mike Kent, was awarded the Coaches' Sportsmanship Award and team member Michael Smith was named All Tournament Player for the Lincoln-Way Tounament. At the conclusion of this tounament, the overall season record for the St. Laurence Vikings was 13-0 and they remained the only undefeated team in the Catholic League.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

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The Irish Manor of Mt. Greenwood

It's become the talk of the town in the Mt. Greenwood community. The new house, under construction, on the corner of 109th and Hamlin is indeed an awesome sight to behold. Passing by, you almost get the feeling you've been transported to an elaborate subdivision, the like of Orland, Palos, or perhaps Frankfort. The house stands regal in all its red brick glory.

For owner and builder, Eddie McBearty, it is the home of his dreams, the pride of his career.

When Eddie left the shores of the Emerald Isle seven years ago, he carried three goals with him to America. These were to fall in love, have a family of his own, and build his construction company into a successful business. With his beautiful, loving wife, Heather, ever by his side, three year-old daughter Alexandra, a new baby on the way, and a thriving business, this handsome young Irishman, with a twinkle in his eye and a giggle in his voice, considers himself to be richly blessed.

It came as no surprise, to those who knew him, that the custom home he'd erect for his family would be as majestic as him magnanimous personality.

And, as in any good marriage, this vibrant couple wisely acknowledge that the key to wedded bliss is compromise. Heather gave him the choice of what to build, Eddie gave her the choice of where.

Without hesitation she chose to stay in Mt. Greenwood to raise her family in the same community that she has called home all of her life.

And so, the plans were set in motion. The first few encounters Eddie had with residents, in the area, were inquiries about what he planned to do with the run-down, shabby house that sat on the property. Eddie assured them that improvements were on the way.

The land was quickly cleared, [illegible] the house [illegible] beauty of a regal homestead. That's when the complaints began rolling in from area neighbors who thought that this single family home is much too big for the neighborhood.

Unfortunately Eddie is finding out that you can't please all of the people all of the time so he's concentrating his efforts on completing his home with as little distraction as possible.

Bill and I have seen, first hand, the generous spirit that makes up Eddie's character.

It was around this time last year that we had a brainstorm of an idea. With seemingly endless repairs to our home in sight, we decided that renovating the whole house would be the only solution.

Eddie heard about our plan and offered an objective opinion. Our aging frame house would not support the major project we were planning.

After 23 years of living in the same house, raising our family, and bonding with good neighbors, that have turned into great friends, we did not have any desire to move from where our roots have been planted. Our dashed dreams was given new life when Eddie gave us an option. Matter of fact he offered to build us a new house in the place where our house stands now. What an incredible challenge! But that's another column.

While it's true that the house on Hamlin may seem to dwarf the neighboring homes, its massive size matches the passion of the humble guy who built it. A fitting resemblance to the old saying, "Home is where the heart is"

The Irish Manor of Mt. Greenwood stands as a true testament of a man's love for his family and a solid reminder that dreams are realized with hard work and the diligence to make a difference.

Eddie McBearty is a man with a heart of gold, a man whose sincerity runs as deep as his good intentions—he is the man behind the house.

Trimming Your Prescription Price Tag

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(NAPS)—The National Institute on Health Care Management reports that Americans spent $[illegible] billion on prescription drugs in 2001, with an average cost per prescription of $[illegible], and according to the Medco Health Solutions 2002 Drug Trend report, prescription drug use in some categories has increased 600 percent.

With millions of Americans taking one or more prescriptions, consumers may be searching for a way to cut that cost.

"Cutting the cost of your prescription drugs is not difficult and could even take an active role in your treatment," says Dr. Glenn Sector, vice president of clinical products for Medco Health Solutions.

Whether it's families struggling [illegible] or seniors living on a fixed income, Sector recommends the following tips for reducing the prescription drug price tag:

- **Go generic.** Generics are gaining in popularity among physicians and patients alike due largely to generic health programs like Medco's Generics First program. Generics contain the same active ingredients as their brand-name counterparts making them just as safe and effective—plus they can provide as much as 600 percent in savings.
- **The remedy route.** Lifestyle changes can alleviate symptoms for which prescription drugs are being taken. For example reducing caffeine, alcohol and chocolate, avoiding tight-fitting clothing and quitting smoking can help reduce symptoms of heartburn—a fine alternative to expensive medications.
- **Understand the plan.** If you have health coverage that includes a drug benefit, understanding how the plan works can save you money. Know what is and isn't covered and how your out-of-pocket costs are structured.
- **The condition you're in.** Some conditions, such as colds and flu, can be treated more efficiently with over-the-counter medications than with more expensive prescriptions.
- **Getting off course.** Some prescriptions may include multiple refills for a temporary condition. Having the refills doesn't necessarily mean you must use them.
- **Free [illegible].** If you're concerned [illegible] prescribed [illegible] your doctor about samples. Many doctors like to provide patients with drug samples in order to determine if any side effects will be experienced before the patient goes to the expense of filling the prescription.
- **Two for one.** It may be less expensive to take one 200 mg pill than two 100 mg pills for the same effect. Similarly, it may be cheaper to split a 100 mg tablet in two than to buy twice as many 50 mg tablets.
- **Shop around.** The cost of prescription drugs varies from pharmacy to pharmacy. If you have a drug plan, mail order pharmacies such as Medco Health's Home Delivery Pharmacy Service may lower your out-of-pocket costs. If you don't have drug coverage, explore discount buying programs like Medco Health's YOURxPlan for major savings.
- **[illegible].** Consumers should inform their doctors of what their drug coverage includes and even ask that it be noted in their medical record. This will help doctors appreciate the portion of the prescription cost that the patient will bear directly.

Above all, Dr. Sector recommends consumers become partners with their doctors in their therapy. "Communication is key," he says. "By actively researching their conditions, the prescription drugs they take and the alternatives available, consumers will receive better care and could cut their health care costs significantly."

For more information about the Medco Health savings plans, visit the Web site at www.medcohealth.com

NATURE'S WONDERS

Calendars Brighten Every Day

Bright blue lavender and yellow pansies bring nature indoors with this perpetual calendar.

(NAPS)—As the hours of warm sunshine grow fewer, it's easy to yearn for the spring season—filled with new plantings, the scent of lilacs in the air, and birds alighting on tree branches. To remind us of warmer days to come, nature artist Marjolein Bastin lends her intricate watercolors inspired by nature to four new perpetual calendars for 2003. Bastin, recognized around the world for her ability to observe and capture beauty in the simplest objects in nature, expresses her passion for nature in each piece she designs.

In the cold days of winter, these calendars can offer a way to bring nature indoors. The calendars, part of Hallmark's *Nature's Sketchbook* line of products, feature rotating cubes for month and date. The intricate details are reminders of the countdown to spring. Sculpted in resin, the calendars feature a variety of images from nature: a young rabbit nibbling fresh greens, bright blue lavender and yellow pansies, a delicate pink rose; as well as gardener's tools—charming watering cans and trowels.

Perpetual calendars are a favorite among friends of Bastin and Marjolein Bastin herself. The artist keeps one on her own drawing table.

In addition to the four new calendars priced at $9.95, the *Nature's Sketchbook* line will introduce over 100 new and exciting gift items in 2003. This new collection is full of bold, bright and beautiful florals as well as many of nature's small treasures, encouraging you to discover the beauty of nature each day.

Nature's Sketchbook cards, gifts and more are found at Hallmark Gold Crown stores throughout the United States and at Hallmark.com.

Understanding Our Economy

Protect Jobs: Buy American-Made Steel

(NAPS)—President George W. Bush did his job to help protect the employment of America's steel workers.

Steel workers and executives across the country applaud the President's decision to impose a tariff on imported steel, which encourages companies to buy American-made steel products.

In a statement released by the White House, President Bush said: "I take this action to give our domestic steel industry an opportunity to adjust to surges in foreign imports, recognizing the harm from 50 years of foreign government intervention in the global steel market, which has resulted in bankruptcies, serious dislocation, and job loss."

The president added that America's workers are "the most highly skilled in the world."

Andrew G. Sharkey III, president and chief executive officer of the American Iron and Steel Institute, said that buying American steel not only safeguards jobs but also our security.

"Given the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001 and the subsequent global war on terrorism, the importance of a strong and viable American steel industry to both the ongoing U.S. military effort and to U.S. national economic and infrastructure security cannot be overstated."

Sharkey said it is vital to homeland security that America does not become dependent on offshore sources of supply for the steel that goes into our:

- energy infrastructure, such as petroleum refineries, oil and gas pipelines, storage tanks, electricity power generating plants, electric power transmission towers and utility distribution poles;
- transportation security infrastructure, such as highways, bridges, railroads, mass transit systems, airports, seaports and navigation systems;
- health and public safety infrastructure, such as dams and reservoirs, waste and sewage treatment facilities and the public water supply system; and
- commercial, industrial and institutional complexes, such as manufacturing plants, schools, commercial buildings, chemical processing plants, hospitals, retail stores, hotels and government buildings.

President George W. Bush [illegible] U.S. Steel's Irvin Plant. [illegible]

The American Iron and Steel Institute is a nonprofit association of North American companies engaged in the iron and steel industry.

A report dedicated to this subject, entitled "A Strong U.S. Steel Industry: Critical to National Defense and Economic Security," is available through the Institute. For more information about the report and the steel industry, you can visit the Web site at www.steel.org.

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If you would be loved, be lovable.

—Benjamin Franklin

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A good laugh is sunshine in a house.

—William Thackeray

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Why do we [illegible]? Because it isn't there.

—[illegible]

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Travel

Travel Ideas

Providence, Rhode Island: Fabulous Weekend Getaway Deals

(NAPS)—Shopping, sightseeing, dining or relaxing in front of a cozy fire: It's all part of a fun-filled weekend getaway to the charming New England city of Providence, Rhode Island—at a price that won't bust your travel budget.

Providence is the second-largest city in New England, a vibrant destination for the arts, history, family fun and world-class dining. Now you can see all that Providence has to offer for less thanks to the value-added Fall/Winter Getaway Package offered by the Providence Warwick Convention and Visitors Bureau. Available from now through March 31, 2003, the package includes:

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- A wide range of hotels, restaurants, shops and attractions; create your own daily itinerary. Choose from 18 hotels, inns and B&Bs, with prices starting at $102 plus tax for one night. Also choose from ten attractions: Go ice skating at the Fleet Skating Center, a [illegible] outdoor rink in downtown Providence; then warm up with a tour through the renowned Museum of Art at the Rhode Island School of Design. Settle in for a family dinner at the [illegible] or savor a romantic evening of French cuisine at Pot Au Feu.

Providence: a vibrant destination for the arts, history, family fun and world-class dining.

The Rhode Island capital is easy to reach. By car, Providence is located along Interstate 95, just an hour drive south of Boston. By air, Providence's newly renovated T.F. Green Airport offers some of the lowest average fares nationwide. By train, Providence is located along Amtrak's Northeast Corridor with high-speed Acela service available.

Visitors should book the package through the hotel of choice and refer to the Providence Warwick Convention and Visitors Bureau's Fall/Winter Package for availability when making the reservation. For hotel rates and more information, visit www.GoProvidence.com or call 800-233-1636.

FREE THINGS TO SEND FOR

(NAPS)—Five servings of fruits and vegetables a day are important to provide an older baby with essential nutrients, teach her new flavors and get her into a healthy habit. One-half jar of baby food or one-fourth cup equals one serving. Unfortunately, many American children are not eating the recommended five servings. For more information, visit www.gerber.com or call the Parents Resource Center at 1-800-4-GERBER day or night to request a brochure on teaching your baby healthy eating and exercise habits.

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Because indoor air is recycled, it traps pollutants such as dust mites, pet dander, pesticides, bioaerosols, odors and chemicals. The resulting poor indoor air quality can cause headaches, nausea and lethargy, and can contribute to the development of chronic respiratory disease. According to Lennox Industries, a leader in air conditioning and heating systems, environmental and lifestyle changes can make a tremendous difference in reducing allergy symptoms. For more information on improving indoor air quality and products that can help consumers breathe easier, visit www.lennox.com or call 1-800-9-LENNOX (953-6669). For additional general information on asthma and allergies, contact AAFA at 1-800-7-ASTHMA or visit www.aafa.org.

BOOKS WORTH READING

Tips On Avoiding That Family Feud

(NAPS)—You can pick your friends, but not your relatives. Family, contend the authors of a new book, is family for life. As such, they can be a source of joy, or a source of stress and confusion.

Whether it's the overbearing mother-in-law, the complaining uncle, the meddling parent or just the sibling who annoys you at holiday gatherings, navigating these relationships successfully often calls for patience, insight and skill.

Fortunately, help is on the way. A new book offers expert advice on how to successfully deal with the behaviors and situations that families face.

Dealing with Relatives (Even If You Can't Stand Them) (McGraw-Hill, $12.95) offers skills to navigate—and survive—family gatherings and visits, and is written by the authors of the bestselling book *Dealing with People You Can't Stand.*

A new book is said to offer expert advice on how to deal successfully with the behaviors and situations that families face.

From the technique described as the Art of the Apology to the Obligation Checklist, the authors, Dr. Rick Brinkman and Dr. Rick Kirschner offer savvy advice and quick wit, along with new insights, anecdotes and appealing cartoons.

The book is divided into four sections. The first, Meet the Relatives, includes eight family fables and a Lens of Understanding into the motives for the "eight by fate" behaviors that make for difficult relations.

The second part is Family Camp, with a base set of communication skills that include how to handle guilt, criticism, bossing, boasting, rebellion, shyness and interference.

A third section, Family Gatherings, offers the rules of non-engagement, along with support strategies for dealing with special situations, such as reunions and holiday gatherings.

The fourth and final section discusses specific options for dealing with the General, the Judge, the Pleaser, the VIP, the Rebel, the Martyr, the Meddler and the Mystery.

Authors, speakers, and naturopathic physicians, Brinkman and Kirschner are both married, have children, and live in Oregon.

To learn more, visit the Web site at www.DealingWithRelatives.com.

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You Can Teach Yourself To Succeed

Fr. Val J. Peter, JCD, STD

(NAPS)—While many children remain excited about school year round, there are a number of children for whom the excitement of learning and making new friends fades.

These children find it difficult to study and to make new friends. Perhaps you were one of those children who could not find joy in school. It probably caused you to lose hope and give up trying every time things seemed hard. By giving up, you taught yourself helplessness.

What I want to present you is the opportunity to overcome that feeling. It is not too late to teach yourself the opposite—empowerment and success. It is easy. Let your child or kids in the neighborhood be your inspiration.

Let seeing kids going to school encourage you to learn again. Pick something up and make up your mind to learn it. You have the maturity to do it. Now you just need to build the desire. Go for it!

There are many opportunities. Technical colleges and community colleges offer valuable courses at affordable rates. There are billions of courses on computers, mechanics, literature, history, languages and so much more. Libraries, extension clubs and other public resources offer many opportunities to learn.

Once you get going, it is important to finish what you started. Having success will build, and you will be inspired to have success again.

One of my children, 13-year-old Jose, said it best the other day. Jose, who came to us with only a second-grade education, said: "What I learned at Girls and Boys Town is that I can learn."

It is important to you, too, to realize that everyone can learn. So when you see your kids running out the door, excited to go to school, open up your mind and your books. Not only will you experience success, but your success will inspire others.

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The daintiest last, to make the end most sweet.
—Shakespeare

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Victory belongs to the most persevering.
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A 2003 New Years Wish to All

by: Marlene Jasinski

With the arrival of 2003 we again have the opportunity to make a new beginning. Each day affords us the opportunity for a fresh start but we tend to wait for a new year. So much has happened since we entered the new century. What do we have to look forward to in 2003? The overall outlook seems bleak.

My hope for the new year is world peace and a new found respect for life. Respect for life in all stages begins with self respect. Once again I was truly saddened to hear that a newborn child was found in a trash bin. On Christmas Eve I sat next to a great-nephew holding his eight-day old daughter. I commented to him on the miracle of birth. I marveled at the tiny perfect features of the child. He and his wife held the sleeping child all evening. You could see the love and amazement in their every action. There can be no self respect if one discards their child in a trash bin. I realize that there are certain circumstances surrounding this act but help is available.

Now, we hear of a cloned baby girl. There is always someone out there questioning God's Creations. We are all born unique individuals. I do not think God intended to have clones in His Universe. He created man and women and gave them the power of procreation. There are many in today's society that by pass the natural way of life. It makes for a lot of confusion.

We live in a violent world. Each of us has the power to make a difference if in our busy lives we take the time. We should use our common sense more often. We must teach our children what is right or wrong not only by word but by action. We must set priorities that are attainable. Did we not learn a lesson on 9-11?

America affords everyone the opportunity for a better way of life regardless of race, color or creed. It is up to us, as Americans, to fulfill that dream. We are united against our enemies but we need to unite in our efforts to promote peace and love toward each other. Our time on earth is short; let's make the best of it.

May 2003 bring peace, health, love and prosperity to all!

FREE THINGS TO SEND FOR

(NAPS)—Geico's new safety brochure, *Can I Borrow the Car?* offers tips for parents to help reduce accidents among teen drivers. They include limiting night driving, training your teens for driving in poor weather conditions, enforcing a rule of "no passengers" restricting cell phone use in the car and choosing safe vehicles. To get a free copy of *Can I Borrow the Car?* Ten Tips brochure and other teen, safe driving materials, go to www.geico.com/cars/teen_safety.htm.

How to Define, Treat and Prevent Pressure Sores

by: Cheri B. Freeman

What are Pressure sores, what causes them and more importantly, how do we get rid of them? In layman terms, pressure ulcers can be defined as skin breakdown or bedsores. However, those of us in the medical field are well aware of the extensive underlying cause of these often time costly and debilitating occurrences on the human body. A pressure sore or decubitus ulcer can be defined as any lesion caused by unrelieved pressure on the body, resulting in damage of underlying tissue. The key word in this instance is DAMAGE.

Pressure Sores are in most cases, a direct result of some diagnosed and in some instances, undiagnosed illness. They have been known to manifest in those patients who have lost mobility. As in the person diagnosed with DVT, a condition where adequate blood supply fails to reach the lower extremities. A stroke victim, due to immobility could fall prey to pressure sores, as could a paralysis or sustained facture patient.

How can pressure sores/ decubitus ulcers be treated and prevented? Well, that's where the AHCPR, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, comes into play. In 1992, this agency published a clinical guideline for treatment of pressure ulcers. This is a group of panel of experts, Scientific evidence and Clinical expertise that has made it's findings available to all Health Care facilities in an effort to prompt and effectively treat pressure sores.

As a lay person, you can contact The US Dept of Health and Human Services and the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) for a copy of a Clinical Practice Guideline.

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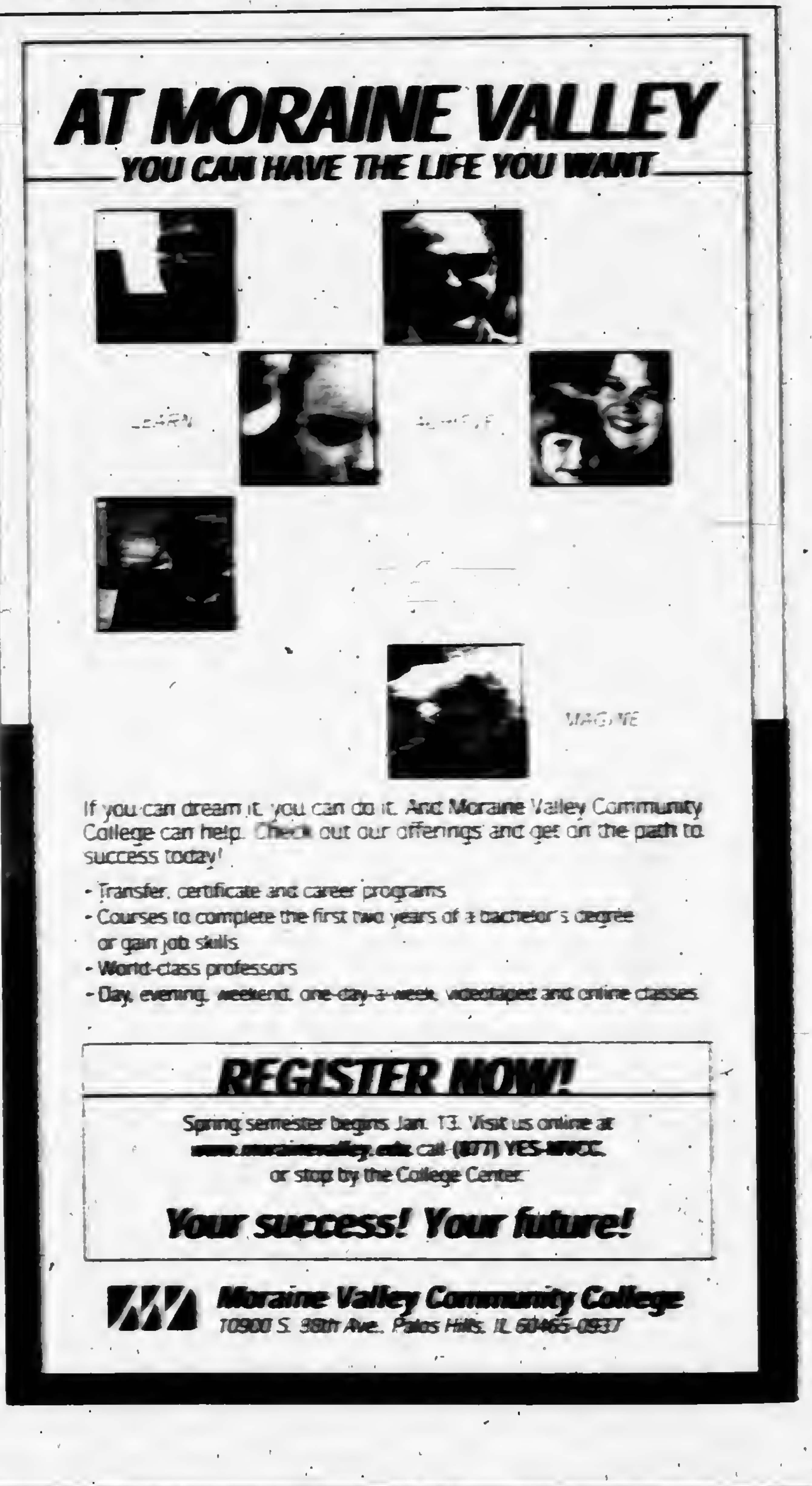

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HINTS FOR HOMEBUYERS

See Your New Home In The Right Light: At Night

(NAPS)—If you're buying a home, here's an important tip: tour the property at night to evaluate the lighting. People usually take lighting for granted. It should, however, be a primary consideration since most families spend their quality time together at home after dark.

When assessing a home's lighting, note the most frequently used rooms and the number and types of lighting fixtures. Do table and floor lamps provide a majority of the lighting? Are there any hard-to-reach lightbulbs in high ceiling fixtures? Will the existing lighting create the proper mood in the dining room, or will dinners feel cold and impersonal? Will bright bathroom lights allow you to unwind in the bath after a long day? Outdoors, is the main entrance well lit? Will you feel safe coming home late at night?

If the lighting isn't quite right, there's an easy and cost-effective way to improve it: install dimmer switches. Where traditional switches only give you two options — "on" or "off"—dimmer switches allow you to adjust lighting to suit any activity. Dimmers offer a wealth of other benefits: energy savings, increased security and various decorative advantages.

Dimmer switches are available for every type of light, including table lamps, so you can use light effectively in every room. In the kitchen, brighten lights for food preparation and then soften them for dining. In the family room, lighting can be raised for playtime or homework and then lowered to create a theater atmosphere for viewing movies. In the dining room, soft lights create an intimate mood for entertaining but can then be brightened for clean up. In bedrooms, dimmed lights ensure that children can sleep comfortably and make those 3 a.m. bathroom visits less startling. Outside, dimmers increase security and provide the comfort of being able to take out the trash or walk from the car to the front door without worry.

Before purchasing a new home, visit it at night to assess its lighting.

Dimmers are a proven way to save on electrical expenses too. According to Lutron Electronics—the world's leading designer and manufacturer of dimmer switches—dimming a standard lightbulb by 10 percent saves 10 percent electricity and doubles the life of the bulb. Dimming the same light by 50 percent cuts electricity consumption by 40 percent and extends bulb life by 20 times.

Whether you want to control one light in one room or every light in your home, Lutron dimmer switches provide solutions. Visit a local lighting professional, lighting showroom or home improvement center for more information.

For more lighting control ideas, contact Lutron at 1-[illegible] or www.lutron.com.

Keeping Food Safe

(NAPS)—Here's some food for thought on protecting your family meals from germs:

- Keep everything clean. Cleaning frequently reduces the risk of cross-contamination.
- Wash your hands thoroughly both before and after handling fish, raw meat and poultry. You can use Zep Antibacterial Hand Cleaning Wipes to eliminate bacteria and other harmful germs.
- Sanitize cutting boards often in a solution of one teaspoon chlorine bleach to one quart of water.
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Your Family Finances

How To Teach Your Teens Good Financial Habits ©

(NAPS)—With a significant increase in disposable income, in recent years teenagers have become an important part of the consumer market. One statistic suggests that in 2001 alone teenagers spent more than $124 billion. Despite this incredible spending power, as few as 12 percent of high school students in the U.S. receive a formal education in personal finance.

Parents can create their own "lesson plans" at home to get teens financially fit. Leading consumer lender Household (parent company of Household Finance Corp. and Beneficial) offers the following advice to parents:

/ Give an allowance. To instill financial responsibility and to show that you trust them, offer your kids an allowance. The key to a successful allowance is structuring it from the beginning. Make it clear what kinds of purchases your kids can use the money for and that they are expected to save some of it.

/ Set up a budget and manage spending. To help your kids learn budgeting skills, work with them first to identify all the ways they currently spend money. Brainstorm together to choose the items they'd like to save for and set manageable goals. Next, help them track their spending with a budgeting worksheet or chart to make sure they stay on target to reach their desired purchase. Finally, teach them how to conduct research to find the best value before making a purchase.

/ Involve kids in household budgeting. Get your children involved early on in helping you make household spending decisions and involve them when you pay your family's monthly bills. Make sure they understand the consequences of making late payments or missing payments entirely.

/ Set up a savings account. Taking into account money from jobs, allowance, holiday and birthday gifts, help your kids determine their monthly "income." Teach them to put away roughly 10 percent of this amount as savings. Encourage your teens to open a savings account at a bank, or store the money safely at home for them so they will not be tempted to spend it.

/ Set a good example. The sounder your own financial judgment, the better your kids' may be. Demonstrating your own financially responsible behavior, such as keeping a balanced checkbook, always paying bills on time and sticking to a budget and savings plan, will help reinforce good habits in your kids.

For additional advice on achieving financial fitness, log on to www.household.com and www.yourcreditcounts.com. You can also write to Household Corporate Communications, 2700 Sanders Road, Prospect Heights, IL 60070-2799 for complimentary booklets on how to manage credit, spending and savings.

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Latest In Home Heating Innovations

(NAPS)—If your home's furnace is 20 or more years old you're not alone. The Environmental Protection Agency says that one in every four U.S. furnaces falls into this category.

With Americans spending more than half of home energy budgets on heating and cooling, it may be time to take a look at replacing your old furnace with a new, more energy-efficient model. If your utility bills aren't chilling enough, waking some cold winter's night to discover that your old furnace has called it quits is an experience most of us could do without.

With numerous technology advances in furnaces over the last two decades, homeowners have more options to consider than ever before. One thing that hasn't changed is the importance of local dealers in helping homeowners choose the right heating solution for optimum winter comfort.

While the Internet allows consumers to more thoroughly research furnace brands, models and new technologies, research conducted by Carrier Corporation shows that more than 70 percent of homeowners still rely on the recommendation of their local dealer when selecting a furnace brand and model.

Whether you're looking to save on utility costs, or hoping to avoid waking to icicles hanging from your bedroom ceiling, a number of innovations now allow you to pre-set your furnace to much more consistently maintain what Carrier calls an individual "indoor weather" preference.

Older furnaces tend to heat a home by blasting warm air in a full-on cycle until the thermostat senses that the pre-set temperature level has been reached. The thermostat then tells the furnace to shut down. What follows is a full-off cycle in which the home cools down until the thermostat again initiates another full-on cycle.

Here's an idea to warm to: the comfort of home can be easier to keep with a modern furnace.

The result? A comfortable temperature is achieved only in those few moments after a strong blast of heating subsides, and before the cooler point in a full-off furnace cycle.

The solution? Today's variable-speed gas furnace. With the potential to save up to 30 percent on heating-related energy costs, the lower operating mode of a variable-speed system delivers consistent comfort by gradually delivering heated air to the home.

Heated air tends to add to already low humidity levels present in cold, dry winter weather. The impacts range from dry lips to more serious health concerns, such as persistent cough. Because dry air feels cooler to most people, homeowners often find themselves unnecessarily increasing their home's temperature setting.

This only adds to the lack of humidity in the air, and raises temperatures and energy costs. A number of technologies have emerged to meet demand for both increased moisture levels in winter months and, if a central air conditioning system is in place, the ability to decrease humidity in warmer months.

Carrier took this new technology to a higher level by developing a system that adjusts humidity when neither heating or cooling is required.

Another recent development may be of particular importance to homeowners looking to increase their storage space or just to move their furnace out of the way into a closet or crawl space. Engineering innovations have brought dramatic advances in the size-reduction of gas furnaces. A variable-speed gas furnace recently introduced by Carrier, the WeatherMaker™ 9000 stands just 33½ inches tall, is much quieter and takes up less than half the space of the old "monster in the basement."

The options available with today's gas furnaces present the homeowner with many decisions to consider before purchasing a new system. Operating cost, energy savings, maintaining a consistent pre-set temperature, humidity control, even noise level and furnace size are being looked at by today's more discerning consumer.

Several tips to consider before making a decision:

- Start by researching. A good starting point is the EPA's EnergyStar program Web site—www.energystar.gov.
- Have an informed discussion with your dealer. Be prepared to prioritize your needs when discussing options. Set your cost limit, discuss options such as heat and humidity control systems, and weigh the benefits against the cost for each option.

If your furnace's days are numbered, now is a good time to start understanding what today's furnace innovations can mean to your family's comfort, and budget.

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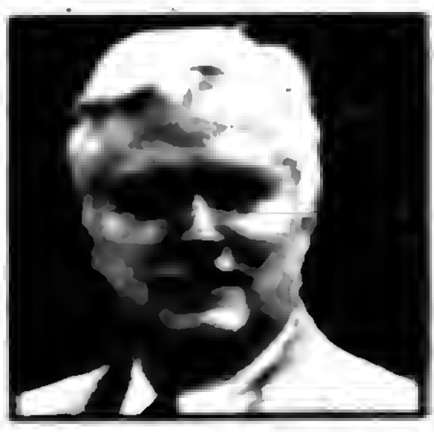

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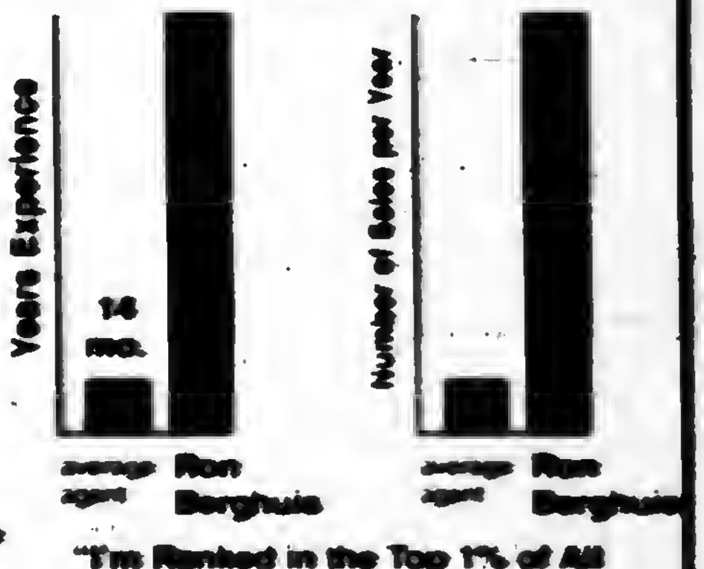

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Small Schools Work And They're Cost-Effective

(NAPS)—Research on the relationship of school size, poverty and student achievement has shown that small schools are better for kids—particularly kids from poorer communities. Now, a new report goes head to head with conventional wisdom about economies of scale, illustrating that smaller schools also can be cost-effective. "Dollars & Sense: The Cost Effectiveness of Small Schools" challenges the common belief that big schools are cheaper to build and maintain. Its conclusion: investing tax dollars in small schools makes good economic sense.

"There is a growing national consensus that small schools are better for children," said Rachel B. Tompkins, president of the Rural School and Community Trust, "but there are still many misconceptions about the costs of small schools. This report sets the record straight: that small schools are not just effective, they are cost-effective."

The report cites research on the host of educational and social benefits of small schools—benefits that include higher academic achievement, lower dropout rates, less violence and vandalism, greater teacher satisfaction, and more community involvement. Similarly, it confirms the negative effects of large schools on students, teachers, and members of the community, as well as the "diseconomies of scale" inherent in large schools.

These diseconomies are rarely discussed when a new school is proposed, but are extremely important in figuring the true cost of building and maintaining a school.

For example, large schools may appear to have a lower per-student cost. When the much higher dropout rates of large schools are factored into a cost-per-graduate, however, small schools become more cost-effective. The long-term costs to society of school dropouts—their lower earning power, higher arrest and jail rates, higher incidence of child abuse and neglect, and poorer overall health—also argue powerfully in favor of using the cost-per-graduate in determining the true cost of a school.

Larger schools also require costly added tiers of administration, more security personnel, and additional maintenance and operations personnel—expenditures that significantly increase the per-student cost of a school, and that grow as a school becomes larger. Another major diseconomy in large consolidated schools is transportation—fuel, buses, bus drivers, and maintenance. Yet, say the report's authors, the billions of dollars it costs to transport students every year are rarely factored into cost comparisons between smaller and larger schools. Finally, the economic costs when a community loses a school can be significant.

To download a free copy of the report, go to www.ruraledu.org.

TEEN TOPICS

Sign The Pledge: Avoid Drinking

(NAPS)—Keeping America's teens on the road to safety is a pledge that many young people take not to drink, especially during prom season.

High school students countrywide are joining a special campaign, the Nationwide Prom Promise, to reduce the number of teens who are seriously injured or killed, especially at prom time, because they used drugs or alcohol.

Last year, 3,777 high schools in 28 states and the District of Columbia participated in Prom Promise, which has been sponsored since 1990 by Nationwide Insurance, the nation's fifth largest auto insurer. An estimated three million high school students were encouraged to sign the Nationwide Prom Promise pledge to avoid the use of drugs and alcohol, especially on prom night.

"The Nationwide Prom Promise program is in its 12th year and is increasing the awareness of the dangers of alcohol and other drug abuse among teens," says Galen Barnes, President and Chief Operating Officer, Nationwide Insurance.

Prom Promise has proven a great success. "The Prom Promise program is in its 12th year and no student making the Nationwide Prom Promise pledge has been responsible for a traffic crash that caused a death or serious injury on prom night," says Mary Salinas, Nationwide's Prom Promise coordinator. "Prom Promise works because students sponsor events and activities aimed at educating other students. They relay an important message, rather than having adults preaching to the students."

Students interested in participating should call the Nationwide Prom Promise Information Line at 1-800-211-7766, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Once registered, high schools will receive posters, Nationwide Prom Promise pledge cards, student gifts and a Nationwide Prom Promise manual.

Health Update

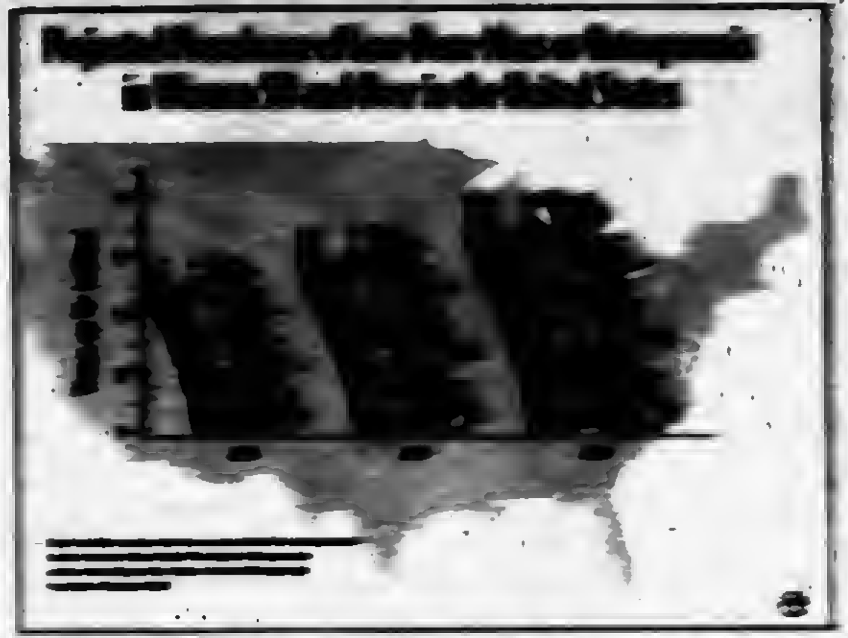
New Studies Show Osteoporosis On The Rise: What Can Be Done To Stop It

(NAPS)—In the United States an estimated eight million women aged 50 years and older suffer from osteoporosis and another 22 million are at risk for developing the disease, according to the National Osteoporosis Foundation (NOF). Yet, recent studies show that nearly 72 percent of the five million women aged 65 years and over with osteoporosis have not received a bone density test or treatment for the disease. When left untreated, osteoporosis weakens bones, which can lead to fractures.

Osteoporosis is on the rise. New studies project that the number of women with osteoporosis will increase to 10.5 million by 2020. This rise in prevalence is projected to have a significant impact on the number of osteoporotic fractures.

"The vast majority of the senior women at risk for osteoporosis fracture remain undiagnosed and untreated," said Kenneth Saag, M.D., Department of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology of the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

"Our studies predict that the prevalence of osteoporosis will grow significantly during this decade and further underscore the importance of the prevention and early diagnosis and treatment of this disease."



Preventive Measures

There are steps a woman can take over her lifetime to help reduce her chances of developing postmenopausal osteoporosis and include:

- Follow a balanced diet.
- Take adequate amounts of calcium and vitamin D. According to the NOF, the recommended calcium intake is 1200-1500 mg/day for adults and 400-800 IU of vitamin D daily for individuals at risk of deficiency (elderly, chronically ill, housebound, and/or institutionalized individuals).
- Engage in weight-bearing exercise such as walking, climbing stairs, tennis, jogging, or dancing.
- Avoid smoking.
- Ask her physician whether a bone mineral density (BMD) test is right for her.

However, it is important to note that following menopause, these measures may not be enough to prevent osteoporosis.

What is a BMD Test?

A BMD test is a safe, fast and painless procedure that:

- Measures bone mass and can help determine fracture risk.
- May detect osteoporosis before a fracture occurs.
- Can be used to monitor a patient's response to osteoporosis treatment.

Who Should Get Tested?

Because osteoporosis can be a silent disease, it is important for women at risk to ask their physicians whether a BMD test is right for them. According to the NOF, the following women should be tested:

- All postmenopausal women under the age of 65 who have one or more additional risk factors for osteoporotic fracture besides menopause.

Osteoporosis and Hormone Replacement Therapy

Women thinking about discontinuing hormone replacement therapy (HRT) should consider their risk for developing osteoporosis. Studies have shown that significant bone loss can occur in postmenopausal women as early as the first year after discontinuation of HRT. A postmenopausal woman stopping HRT should consider talking to her physician about her risk of developing osteoporosis and about getting a bone mineral density test.

Women at risk for osteoporosis should consider talking to their physicians about getting a bone mineral density test for low bone mass and whether prescription therapies may be appropriate.

SPIRITED COOKING

Margaritas And Seafood: Preparation Tips

(NAPS)—For an ocean of good taste, the next time you intend to have a margarita, suggests Chef Keith Keogh, pair it with seafood. The lemon and lime juices cleanse your palate with each sip, while the high acidic level of the margarita acts as a natural balance to the seafood.

When preparing a margarita, says Keogh:

1. Chill the glass by rinsing it and placing it stem-side up in a freezer for about 15 minutes. Never place fine crystal in a freezer.
2. Don't over-salt the rim of the glass. Run a quartered lime around the rim. Pour coarse or kosher salt onto a napkin, and lightly touch the glass rim to the salt. Shake off any excess so only a small crust remains.
3. When using fresh limes, roll the whole lime back and forth on a table before cutting it to release more flavor.
4. Don't use too much ice. A large handful will do. Blend for about a minute, until you no longer hear the ice churning. The mixture should be thick and slushy.
5. For thicker margaritas, put the filled blender container in the freezer for about 10 to 15 minutes before serving.

A refreshing margarita can be easy to make and goes surprisingly well with fish dishes.

It also helps to have a world-class recipe. Keogh says you'll need: 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice (4 to 5 lemons), 1/2 cup fresh lime juice (2 to 3 limes), a splash of fresh orange juice (half an orange), 1 cup sugar, 1 1/2 cups tequila, 3/4 cup triple sec, 1 3/4 cups water and ice. In a pitcher or blender, combine the sugar and water, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Add the lemon and lime juices, as well as the splash of orange juice. Mix in the tequila and the triple sec, stirring well. Refrigerate until you're ready to serve.

The restaurant company where Keogh works, Red Lobster, offers new signature margaritas at its more than 600 restaurants. The drinks include a Classic Margarita (prepared on the rocks and with Cuervo Gold Tequila), a Flavored Frozen Margarita (the Classic formula blended with strawberry, raspberry or peach), a Top Shelf Margarita (the Classic Margarita with a sidecar of Grand Marnier) and a Lobsterita (a 24-ounce frozen strawberry or frozen Classic Margarita complete with a string of beads).

Making The Most Of Time Spent Together

Family Gatherings Provide Instant Fun and Lasting Memories

(NAPS)—Family gatherings provide an opportunity to reunite with loved ones and create lasting memories. Weddings, reunions and the holidays all mark special occasions that can bring families together and help them "click" instantly—even after long periods apart.

For adults, family gatherings are a time to catch up and enjoy conversation. For children, family gatherings provide an opportunity to learn about family history, which can create an important sense of belonging and pride.

According to a recent national poll, conducted by Harris Interactive/Modern Woodmen of America, 90 percent of Americans feel spending time with extended family is important. The research also found nearly four out of five Americans agree they would like to get together more often with family—but 75 percent say staying in touch with family members can be difficult. Hectic work and school schedules, personal obligations and distances apart all play a major role.

"It can be challenging for families to find the time to get together, so it's important to make the most of the time we do have with one another," said Jennifer Crichton, renowned family expert and author of *Family Reunion: Everything You Need to Know to Plan Unforgettable Get-Togethers*. "Planning activities that the entire family can enjoy helps bring us closer together, provides instant fun and leaves us with lasting memories."

To celebrate the launch of its "Click Instantly" game, Polaroid created a list of activities that can help families make the most of their time together.

Roots Of Family—Making a family tree at your next get-together can be a fun way to teach family history.

- **Create a photo family tree** using markers, a piece of poster board and an instant camera like the Polaroid i-Zone, which uses instant sticker film. Children can learn about their family's history and how they fit in by sticking a photo next to the name of each family member.
- **Create a family scrapbook** that can be enjoyed throughout the years. Photos of Mom and Grandma preparing the holiday feast and Grandpa and Grandson tossing the football are moments that can easily be captured for instant enjoyment and timeless recollection with instant photos.
- **Plant a tree** with the entire family and make it a tradition to document the tree's growth every time the family comes together with instant photography. The photo can be dated with a permanent marker and easily stored.

While it can be challenging for families to find the time to come together, it's easy to make the most of these special occasions with activities that create instant fun and lasting memories. For more information on how to capture your special family gathering moments, visit www.polaroid.com/clickinstantly.

A FOOTBALL FEAST FOR FAMISHED FANS

This appetite-pleasin' all-in-one meal is a super way to celebrate the Super Bowl! Add green beans and buttery biscuits to complete the meal.

Are you planning to be an armchair coach for the Super Bowl? Here's the game plan. Invite a few friends over to help you call the plays, then serve up a satisfying meal. If you're a meat-and-potatoes (and gravy) sort of guy, you're gonna love this new meat loaf created by the culinary professionals at Pioneer Brand.

This recipe for Super Bowl Meat-Potatoes-and-Gravy Meat Loaf is easy to tackle. It has everything combined in one—lean ground beef, southern-style hash-brown potatoes and savory brown gravy. Just stir all the ingredients together, pack the mixture into a loaf pan and bake.

The secret to this great-tasting meat loaf is brown gravy mix. It's stirred into the meat mixture and also combined with catsup, mustard and brown sugar as a glaze and to serve over the "perfect" meat loaf.

Your fellow football fans will be cheering your success in the kitchen regardless of your team's performance on the field. When the fans are ready for seconds, let them help themselves while you kick back and enjoy the game.

Super Bowl Meat-Potatoes-and-Gravy Meat Loaf

Meat Loaf:

2 large eggs, beaten
1/2 cup catsup
1/3 cup water
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1 cup dry bread crumbs
3/4 cup finely chopped onion
1 package (1.61 oz.) Pioneer Brown Gravy Mix (No-Fat or Regular)
1 1/2 lb. lean ground beef
2 1/2 cups southern-style frozen hash-brown potatoes, thawed slightly

Gravy:

1 package (1.61 oz.) Pioneer Brown Gravy Mix (No-Fat or Regular)
1 1/2 cups cool water (divided)
2/3 cup catsup
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons prepared mustard

In large bowl, stir together all meat loaf ingredients except ground beef and potatoes. Add beef and potatoes; mix well. Pat mixture into 9x5x3-inch loaf pan coated with cooking spray. Bake at 350° for 50 minutes. Meanwhile, dissolve 1 package gravy mix in 1/2 cup cool water; set aside. In 2-cup glass measure, microwave 1 cup water on High for 3 minutes or until boiling. Stir in dissolved gravy; microwave on High for 1 minute or until thickened. Stir in catsup, brown sugar and mustard. Pour 3/4 cup gravy mixture over baked meat loaf. Bake 20 minutes more. Microwave remaining gravy mixture until hot. Serve with meat loaf. Makes 8 servings.

For more information, visit the Pioneer Brand Web site at www.pioneerbrand.com.

Survey Uncovers Top E-Mail Fears

(NAPS)—A new survey uncovers business' greatest e-risks, and reveals how employers can prevent e-disasters.

The 2002 Workplace E-Risk Survey from Assurex Global and Clearswift reveals:

Employers fear computer viruses (82 percent), confidentiality breaches (49 percent), lost productivity (39 percent), spam (35 percent) and legal liability (25 percent).

Reasons for Concern:

- 19 percent have battled lawsuits stemming from e-mail/Internet.
- 15 percent have experienced data theft.
- 25 percent have fired employees for e-abuse.

Assurex Global—the world's largest privately held risk management and commercial insurance brokerage group—says e-insurance can mitigate losses and cut costs. Popular e-insurance coverages:

- Crime loss (22 percent)
- Director's & Officer's (19 percent)
- Business interruption (18 percent)
- Computer software/services errors & omissions (13 percent)
- Product liability (10 percent)
- Unauthorized access/use (6 percent)

Visit Assurex Global at www.assurexglobal.com.

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When love speaks, the voice of all the gods make heaven drowsy with the harmony.

—William Shakespeare, *Love's Labor's Lost*

Make Your Home A "Coffee House" For Friends And Family

NAPS—Here's an eye-opening idea: invite family and friends to an easy yet elegant coffee and dessert party. You can serve buffet style. Simply set out an assortment of cakes, pies and cookies, a platter of cheese and crackers, and perhaps a few fine dessert wines, brandies or liqueurs. You can also have games on hand to keep everyone involved and socializing.

As for the coffee, a cappuccino machine is nice, but not really necessary. Serve a variety of types and flavors including regular and decaf. For a satisfying dessert drink, jazz up your coffees by adding additional ingredients such as semi-sweet chocolate and cinnamon, you can make an array of delectable recipes that are simple and fun to serve. Also, make sure to set out both whole and skim milk, sugar and artificial sweetener for your guests. Consider serving rock candy swizzle sticks, they add a sweet playfulness that your guests will love or for a really elegant touch try chocolate-coated spoons. Here's a tip on how to make your own chocolate-coated spoons, just melt semi-sweet or white chocolate, dip your spoons into the melted chocolate, cool on waxed paper, and serve with your coffee.

If you have demitasse cups, you can use them so guests can get to taste as many kinds of coffee as possible. If you don't, use small coffee cups as opposed to mugs and fill them about three-quarters full.

To help your coffee house party further reflect your good taste, two new flavored coffees are available from Maxwell House. You can offer a rich and sophisticated coffee flavored with a nutty touch of hazelnut or a smooth, delicious cup of enticing vanilla coffee. They're each conveniently packaged in cans with EZ Open tops making it easy to enjoy flavored ground coffees at home at a good value.

A delicious idea for your next get-together: A coffee and dessert party featuring fine new flavors.

They can be found at grocery, convenience and mass merchandise stores.

A good recipe to try with these flavors is:

Chocolate Java Escape
Prep: 10 minutes

⅓ cup whipping cream
1 square BAKER'S Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate, coarsely chopped
2 tbsp. sugar
⅛ tsp. ground cinnamon
2 cups hot freshly brewed strong MAXWELL HOUSE Vanilla or Hazelnut Flavored coffee

Place cream, chocolate, sugar and cinnamon in medium microwavable bowl. Microwave on HIGH 1½ minutes, stirring after 1 minute. Stir with wire whisk until chocolate is completely melted and mixture is well blended. Stir in coffee.

Pour into large cups or mugs. Sweeten to taste. Garnish with thawed COOL WHIP Whipped Topping, if desired. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

Cool Variation: Prepare as directed. Refrigerate several hours or until chilled. Serve over ice cubes.

For more information about coffee and for more recipe ideas visit www.maxwellhouse.com.

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It's not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are.
—Roy Disney

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It is not by the gray of the hair that one knows the age of the heart.
—Edward Bulwer-Lytton

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Nutrition News & Notes

Choosing The Right Dietary Supplements To Ensure Good Health

(NAPS)—Interested in the health benefits of natural supplements but not sure which are right for you? You're not alone. Supplement choices can sometimes cause people seeking healthy choices an unwelcome malady: anxiety.

Today, many Americans are turning to supplements to help manage a range of health conditions that include lack of energy, menopause and joint health. In fact, one in four Americans use herbs and other natural supplements regularly to stave off a specific health issue, manage a health condition or simply just feel better.

Yet many consumers remain confused by often-conflicting research and the assortment of products on store shelves. That's unfortunate, say experts, as anyone seeking the benefits of a supplement should be well-informed about the product and its ingredients in order to make the best purchase for his or her specific needs.

A panel of health experts gathered recently in Santa Monica for the Nutrition and Wellness Symposium 2002, stressed the importance of educating consumers to help them choose safe and effective supplements.

The symposium, sponsored by the Pharmaton Institute for Wellness, featured health professionals from the Council for Responsible Nutrition and the American Dietetic Association's Nutrition in Complementary Care Dietetic Practice Group.

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"Health-conscious consumers—and those who want to be—need help navigating the natural supplement aisle," according to Leslie Beck, a registered dietitian and featured speaker at the symposium.

"They also need guidance in choosing a high-quality brand. Not all supplements are alike, and not all live up to the same high standards," adds Beck, author of Leslie Beck's *Nutrition Encyclopedia*.

So whether it's Ginkgo biloba, ginseng or garlic, here are a few tips to keep in mind when choosing a dietary supplement:

Look for Clinical Studies. Not all supplements have been tested. Be sure to choose a brand that has been proven safe and effective in controlled clinical studies. Call the manufacturer's 800 number or visit their Web site to obtain clinical studies that support the product.

Read labeling carefully. Like many prescription medications, dietary supplements may have precautions regarding potential interactions or may not be appropriate for some people. Be sure to read labeling carefully and check with your doctor if you have specific questions.

Supplements should be taken daily, or as otherwise directed, as part of an ongoing health regimen. As supplements work gradually, allow ample time to begin feeling their benefits.

Choose supplements that are standardized. Standardization refers to the manufacturing process that assures that the supplement provides a consistent amount of the active component from dose to dose. That consistency means that you will always get what you pay for.

Are natural supplements right for you?

Nutritionists and dietitians are a good first stop when seeking credible and reliable information, says Beck. In addition, she recommends that individuals consider speaking with their physician, pharmacist or other healthcare professional.

• For more information, visit www.Pharmaton.com

The best way I know of to win an argument is to start by being in the right.
—Lord Hailsham

Health Hints

Fight Antibiotic Resistance With Sensible Approach To Winter Colds

(NAPS)—Ah CHOO! You know what comes next—a runny nose, a stuffy head, maybe even fever, body aches and a sore throat. You want relief—now. But think twice before asking your doctor for an antibiotic. In the long run, not taking an antibiotic could save your life.

Here's why: Antibiotics do not cure viral infections, ever. Taking them repeatedly for common viral infections such as colds, sore throats and the flu, leads to the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has named antibiotic resistance a growing public health threat. In fact, according to the World Health Organization, two Americans die each hour from infections caused by antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

Common Sense Can Help Prevent Super Bugs

Here are some guidelines you can follow to protect yourself and your family from antibiotic resistance:

1. Use antibiotics only when your healthcare provider prescribes them.
2. Take all of the antibiotics prescribed. If you do not take every dose of the medicine, you risk re-infection and increase the chance that antibiotic-resistant bacteria will develop.
3. Never take antibiotics prescribed for someone else.
4. Don't pressure your doctor to prescribe antibiotics to treat symptoms of a cold, flu or other viral illness.
5. Help your family fight disease. Check with your pediatrician to confirm your children are up-to-date on their immunizations. Protect yourself by getting a flu shot.
6. Wash hands thoroughly and often to help prevent illness and the spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

Do You Need An Antibiotic?

Your doctor or other healthcare provider is the best person to determine if you need an antibiotic, but here are some basic guidelines:

- Colds and flu—No. Viruses cause colds and flu and viruses can't be cured with antibiotics.
- Cough or bronchitis—Maybe. Viruses often cause coughs and bronchitis and viruses can't be cured with antibiotics. However, if you have a lung condition or the illness lasts a long time, your infection may be caused by bacteria.
- Sore throat—Not unless you have strep throat. If you have a runny nose and cough, your sore throat is probably caused by a virus and can't be cured by antibiotics. Strep throat is caused by bacteria and requires treatment with antibiotics.
- Ear infections—Maybe. There are several types of ear infections. Antibiotics are effective against most, but not all, ear infections.
- Sinus infections—Maybe. Even if you have a runny nose, or yellow or green mucus coming from your nose, you may not need an antibiotic.

Take Care of Yourself

If you have a viral infection such as a cold or the flu, you'll need to let the illness run its course. But there are plenty of things you can do to take care of yourself, like drinking plenty of fluids and getting plenty of rest. You can also take over-the-counter medications for symptoms such as a runny nose, cough, sore throat, fever, aches and pains. Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for the most appropriate medication for your symptoms.

Learn More

The Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH), a not-for-profit alliance of America's leading health plans and networks, created the Save Antibiotic Strength campaign in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics (APUA), and other leading community and healthcare organizations across the country to provide Americans with the information they need to use antibiotics wisely. To find out more about appropriate antibiotic use, speak to your doctor or other healthcare provider, visit www.caqh.org/antibioticsinfo or call 1-888-WISE-USE for a free brochure.

Turn To Nature To Meet Daily Fluid Needs

(NAPS)—What is the most common substance on Earth and is the nutrient your body needs most? If you guessed water, you're right. In fact, up to 75 percent of adult body weight is water (about 10 to 12 gallons). Water is critical in regulating all body organs and temperature, and dissolving solids and moving nutrients throughout the body. Because water is naturally low in sodium, has no fat, cholesterol or caffeine and isn't flushed straight through the body like many other beverages, it's the natural solution to help reach your body's daily fluid quota. Great tasting water is also much less expensive than stocking your cabinet with other beverages—for only pennies a day, you can put clean, refreshing water at your family's fingertips.

How much is best?

How much water should you consume? Most adults need 8 to 12 eight-ounce glasses of water or fluids daily, but needs vary by activity level, health circumstances (including pregnancy) and even by age. For example, a 60-pound child would need a minimum of at least 30 ounces of water a day, or about three to four glasses. A 180-pound man would need about 90 ounces of water a day or about 11 to 12 glasses. People may need more water as they age, since thirst signals may become dull, activity levels decline and prescription drugs may dehydrate their bodies further. You can visit the hydration calculator on www.culligan.com to estimate how many ounces you and your family members need.

Get serious about your drinking water

Now you know how much water to drink, but what if your water has a strange taste or smell, or you are concerned about the quality of your water? Water quality experts, such as Culligan, offer free water analysis to determine if you have contaminants that are affecting your water. To find a Culligan dealer, consult the Yellow Pages, call 1-800-CULLIGAN, or visit www.culligan.com. The Web site offers helpful information about water and its uses, and allows you to sign up for a free monthly e-newsletter or order free videos.

If you do decide to improve your water quality, Culligan can offer a variety of drinking water options that will provide you with a continuous supply of great-tasting water. Delivered bottled water makes it easy to offer crystal clear, great tasting water to the whole family, or a professionally installed drinking water system can be conveniently located at your sink and can easily extend to your refrigerator water dispenser and ice cube maker.

Here are some additional tips to help you get serious about water while keeping your hydration habits fresh and tasty at the same time:

- Pour the water into an attractive glass or easy-to-use water bottle.
- Add ice, and a slice of lemon or lime.
- Chill your water.
- Drink moderate-size portions spread over the course of a day, rather than trying to drink it all at once.
- Make drinking water a habit—drinking water at the same times each day will make it much easier to remember.

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Pigeon Teaches Science Concepts To Children

A virtual pigeon is helping teach children the concepts of Earth science.

(NAPS)—Some might call it a birdbrain idea, but a new educational resource is teaching children the concepts of Earth science with the help of an avian navigator: a New York City pigeon.

"The Adventures of Amelia the Pigeon" project is an interactive Web site with supporting lesson plans and hands-on activities to illustrate science concepts to children in grades K-4. The animated adventure, developed by NASA, engages children in a story-based scenario that emphasizes concepts of remote sensing. Children are taught how NASA scientists use satellite imagery to better understand the Earth's environmental changes.

"The use of satellite imagery is an essential tool in NASA's studies in Earth science," says Ginger Butcher, education specialist for the Laboratory for Terrestrial Physics at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and creator of the Amelia the Pigeon project. "NASA imagery will inspire our next generation of scientists at these early grades, when children form their opinions about science."

The site introduces students to Earth science concepts, beginning with classifying objects by shape, color and texture, building a foundation for interpretation and understanding of remote sensing. The Pigeon Adventure encourages the development of a child's inquiry skills via online explorations, sequential storytelling and hands-on investigations.

The Pigeon Adventure is based in New York City, chosen for its size, diversity and the visibility of prominent features in satellite imagery. There are also supplemental classroom materials linked to geography and National Science standards, which enable educators to introduce concepts through hands-on activities in the classroom.

Amelia the Pigeon is the second installment of the IMAGERS (Interactive Multimedia Adventures for Grade-school Education using Remote Sensing) program. It follows the success of Echo the Bat, a Web site designed to teach the understanding of light and the electromagnetic spectrum as a foundation for remote sensing. To learn more about the IMAGERS program, visit the Web site at http://imagers.gsfc.nasa.gov.

Education News & Notes

"Excellence Awards" Honor Community Colleges

Community colleges can help change the lives for students from low-income families.

(NAPS)—Helping today's low-income workers become tomorrow's high achievers: that's the goal of two colleges recently honored for their efforts by an innovative educational awards program.

The "MetLife Foundation Community College Excellence Awards," which come with a $30,000 check, honor community colleges that are promoting educational and economic advancement for underserved youth and adults. Administering the awards is Jobs for the Future (JFF), an innovator in strategies to accelerate educational and career advancement for both young people and adults.

This year's winners include West Hills Community College of San Joaquin Valley, California. Among its success stories: Juanita Sauceda, a migrant farmworker who ran a cotton gin from sunset to sunrise. Working the night-shift, she was having a hard time caring for her teen-aged daughter. Desperate for a route to a better job, she turned to a training program run in partnership with the college, which is near her home. Sauceda enrolled and did so well she landed a job as a translator and advisor to other students at the college.

West Hills is changing the lives of many of its community's low-income families. So is Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio, the other "Excellence Awards" winner. At both schools—one a small, rural college serving a largely migrant Hispanic population, the other a large, urban college that is helping to rebuild a troubled regional economy—students earn credentials that can mean the differeoce between poverty and climbing the ladder into the middle class.

"These colleges understand that the obstacles facing those with the least education and skills are becoming more acute, while the expectations that community colleges will serve these youth and adults are rising," says MetLife Foundation President and CEO Sibyl Jacobson. MetLife plans to make another round of excellence awards. "This valuable program recognizes innovative leaders," comments JFF president Marlene B. Seltzer. "Just as important, it spurs other colleges to invest in helping people succeed in school and in careers."

To learn more about what JFF is doing to help young people and adults achieve in today's job market, write: Jobs for the Future, 88 Broad Street, Boston, MA 02110; or visit www.jff.org.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—The Centers for Disease Control estimates that tens of thousands of Americans are killed each year by drug-resistant bacteria picked up in hospitals and other medical facilities. Thousands more die from infections picked up at home, at work, on vacation, etc. In *The Killers Within: The Deadly Rise of Drug-Resistant Bacteria* (Little, Brown, $24.95), leading journalist Michael Shnayerson and world-renowned ethnobotanist Dr. Mark J. Plotkin team up to bring readers the true account of bacteria that, through rapid evolution, have managed to consistently outwit once-effective antibiotics and the physicians who administer them.

When you decide to go back to school, make sure that you do your homework to find the school that best suits your lifestyle. Institutions such as University of Phoenix Online, offer programs designed specifically for the working professional. With over 45,000 students in the U.S. and 40 other countries studying in virtual classrooms 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, University of Phoenix Online has created a system to meet the demands of busy professionals. For a step towards learning more about online education, call 1-800-796-3791 or visit the Web site at www.uoponline.com.

There's an exciting new development in the battle against hepatitis C—a blood-borne virus that affects almost three million americans. A new study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* reports that combination therapy of ribavirin with a once-weekly form of interferon called PEGASYS (pegylated interferon alfa-2a) is better tolerated and more effective in treating hepatitis C patients than standard interferon combination therapy taken three times per week. Hepatitis C is a serious disease that is complicated to treat. There are about six different types of hepatitis C in the United States, and approximately 70 percent of hepatitis C patients are infected with the most common and difficult to treat form of the virus, genotype 1. This new study, however, shows that patients who are infected with genotype 1 had a significant increase in response with the combination therapy of PEGASYS.

TRAVEL SMART TIPS

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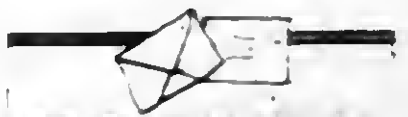
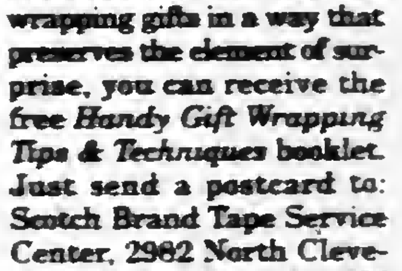


FREE THINGS TO SEND FOR

(NAPS)—No matter how much time you spend wrapping gifts, some items are more difficult to disguise than others. For tips on wrapping gifts in a way that preserves the element of surprise, you can receive the free *Handy Gift Wrapping Tips & Techniques* booklet. Just send a postcard to: Scotch Brand Tape Service Center, 2982 North Cleveland Avenue, Roseville, MN 55113, or e-mail your request to tips@3mservice.montagenet.com.



The National Women's Health Resource Center (NWHRC) and the Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA) recently released a free book meant to help women better handle their families' health. Organized by life stages, the publication has age-appropriate information on safety, nutrition and exercise and wellness. The handbook can be ordered by calling the NWHRC at 1-877-986-9472, by writing 120 Albany Street, Suite 820, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 or through the Web site, www.healthywomen.org. Copies are also available at the CHPA Web site, www.chpa-info.org.

Mamas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Pirates

by Jennifer Bogdalek

(NAPS)—One of my son's kindergarten classmates recently asked him what his mom does for a job. "She catches pirates," he proclaimed proudly. "How does she get them off their ships?" asked the friend. "She's pretty tough," came the confident reply. "I think she just jumps on there and grabs them."

I have to smile when I tell this story, because I don't really hunt pirates hoarding stolen gold on old vessels—at least not in my day job. In reality, I am an anti-piracy manager for a software company, and I am responsible for educating people on the importance of compliance with laws prohibiting the use of counterfeit, or "pirated," software. It is my charge to help protect consumers and legitimate software distributors from the harmful economic effects of stolen, counterfeit or illegally copied software. Not as glamorous as pursuing Captain Hook, perhaps, but equally as important.

The frightening thing is, the pirates out there aren't all grown-ups. A lot of kids know a heck of a lot more about technology than their parents do, and in some cases they're using it to conduct activities that are wrong, both morally and legally.

Say a nine-year-old borrows the latest Backstreet Boys or Britney Spears CD from a buddy, then burns a bunch of CDs from it for his other friends (in essence, copies it onto blank CDs for the rest of the fourth-grade class). Sounds great—these lucky kids didn't have to spend their own allowance to buy the albums themselves, right? Wrong! These kids, quite literally, have stolen something. What they did is no less wrong than walking into the record store and slipping the CD into a pocket without paying—an act their parents certainly wouldn't condone.

However, some parents might not be concerned even if they knew their child was giving pirated copies of software programs or games to their friends, simply because it seems like a "harmless" crime. Or, they may not even view it as a crime at all—because perhaps they do the same thing themselves.

I know that kids face a lot of serious issues these days, dangerous things, like drugs, gangs, and guns. It's tough to be a parent in today's complex world, when kids confront more peer pressure than ever and see scary things every day in the news—or worse yet, in their own lives.

That's why I think it's so important for parents to truly teach kids the life skills they need to enhance and encourage ethical, responsible, honest behavior. Seemingly small crimes inevitably lead to bigger crimes, so starting early and instilling a sense of values in children is critical to their development into ethical, honest adults.

I read a study a few years ago that said almost half of the American kids ages 12 to 17 surveyed feel they need more guidance and attention from adults, and more than 60 percent of the adults polled believe our youngsters' failure to learn values such as honesty, respect and responsibility is a very serious problem. I couldn't agree more. As adults, it's our job to be role models and set positive examples for kids in all areas—including the proper, legal use of technology.

I agree that the concept of "pirated" software or products can be difficult to explain to young children, but I encourage parents to do it. These days, almost as many homes have computers in them as televisions, and even toddlers are tapping on keyboards. Computers are a revolutionary learning tool, and, when used wisely and honestly, they bring limitless potential to education.

With that said, I'd better get going and—in the words of my son—"bust some pirates."

Jennifer Bogdalek lives in Michigan and is the mother of two young children. She is the anti-piracy manager for Microsoft Corp's central region, and has been with the company for more than eight years. For additional information, contact the Anti-Piracy Hotline at 1-800-RU-LEGIT or go to www.microsoft.com/piracy.

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McNulty is Selected President and CEO of Chicago Southland Chamber

Area resident Kevin McNulty, Sr., has been selected as the President and CEO of the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce.

The announcement was made today by Chairman Manny Hoffman and Past Chairman Bill Frank.

"Being a native of the area, Kevin's in touch with the needs of the Chicago Southland Region," Frank said. "His background and organization skills are exactly what the Camber needs. His selection benefits the entire region."

He is currently the Executive Vice President and COO for the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI), based in Des Plaines.

"I am very pleased to have been selected as the new President and CEO of the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce," McNulty said. "As a resident of the area for most of my life, I feel strongly about the people in the Chicago Southland and the tremendous opportunities that are available in our region. I have long followed the efforts of the Chamber and look forward to continuing and expanding the energy marshaled over the years to grow the Chicago Southland. The continued development of our region is not only vital to all of us who live and work in the South Suburbs, it is also the capstone in a transformation that has been occurring in the Chicago metropolitan area for the past 30 years. I'm looking forward to working with everyone in business, education, government and the community to build the vision that we have for the Chicago Southland."

McNulty is scheduled to begin working for the Chamber on January 13th. He will be serving under 2003 Chairman Manny Hoffman.

"His background with the construction trade will help us to network with developers," Hoffman said. "I looked at the fact that he had taken and organization that had problems when he started, and he helped bring it to the foreground of the trades industry."

"We have a goal of reaching 2,000 members, and Kevin will be instrumental in helping us achieve that."

McNulty, who lives in Matteson, is a 16 year veteran of association management, including seven years at the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce in the 1980s prior to his association career, he spent 15 years as a high school teacher in Kankakee and Spring Valley in Illinois and Hobart in Indiana. In his position at the NARI, he relocated the association from Washington, D.C., to Chicago and executed a complete re-staffing of the organization with Chicago-based employees. NARI has over 50 chapters throughout the United States and is comprised of 5,800 companies. The organization is made up a residential remodeling companies and major supplies to the industry.

During McNulty's time at NARI, the association grew in membership and chapters for the first time in eight years. In addition, McNulty transitioned member services to include a digital delivery system, increased services to all members and launched the first major research on the industry since 1995. Late last year, the association extended its seven certification programs to high schools and community colleges designed to train students for a remodeling career and match student scholars to member companies through a work-study program. The first program was established in Chicago at Manley High School and is now growing around the country. During his stay at NARI, the organization purchased and paid for a building, launched buying co-operative purchasing programs for members and established the Balance Scorecard system throughout the organization.

In his role at the International Warehouse Association, he coordinated the merger of the American and Canadian Association and served as the primary staff liaison to the Canadian division. He designed the first on-line Port-to-Warehouse web portal that linked international shippers using North American ports, to member warehouses serving those ports.

While at the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, he served as Director of Membership and Revenue and supervised both the World Trade and Small Business Divisions. During his stay, he greatly expanded networking events, member health insurance programs and created a program for start-up companies in their first year.

McNulty is an experienced speaker and clinician in the area of business strategy, education, marketing and management. He has presented at numerous national and regional events throughout the United States and Canada. His most recent presentation was in Toronto at Construct Canada, the leading building show north of the border.

Kevin McNulty is originally from Momence and attendedBishop McNamara High School in Kankakee before undergraduate and graduate schools. McNulty and his wife, Jo, have three children. Mrs. McNulty works for RBX Industries in South Holland.

The McNulty's are active at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Matteson. Kevin McNulty has served on the Matteson Park Board and is an active volunteer at Marian Catholic High School in Chicago Heights. His hobbies include judging bands throughout the country and other musical activities. He is a member of the Association Forum of Chicagoland and the American Society of Association Executives.

"Kevin has a great presence and stature," Hoffman said. "He has delt with large and small businesses in the past and he will be needing to do a lot of that in his new capacity. He is the type of guy we will love having out there talking for the chamber about the issues that concern us."

Candidates Running for Upcoming Election

Candidates wishing to run for the offices of Village of Orland Park Trustee and Library trustee in the April 1, 2003 election must file their nomination papers with the Village of Orland Park Clerk's office from Monday, January 13 through Tuesday, January 21, 2003. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Clerk's office is located in the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. For more information, please call Clerk David Maher's office at (708) 403-6150.

New programs offered at the Forest Preserve District of Will County

"French Explorers," a free, all-age family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be Friday, January 24, at 7:00 p.m., at Isle a la Cache Museum, in Romeoville.

Take a voyage of discovery as we learn about adventurers like Joliet, Marquette, and Tonty. We'll examine their "trusty" transportation, follow their grueling routes to Illinois, and play a game to see if you're a survivor of French caliber!

Isla a la Cache Museum is located on East 135th Street (Romeo Road), 0.5 miles east of Route 53 in Romeoville.

For information, call (815) 727-8700, 8:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Forest Preserve District of Will County is sponsoring an outdoor ecology hike, on Saturday, January 25, 10:00 a.m. at Monee Reservoir. "Winter Wonder Walk," requires registration and a $3.00 fee per person and the persons should be at least seven years of age.

Life abounds during the cold winter season if you know where to look. Come out and explore nature's wonders of winter. Topics may include snow blankets, animal tracking, wildlife adaptation during winter, interrelationships of animals and plants, and plant survival tactics. If weather conditions permit, "Winter Wonder Walk" will take place on snowshoes (included in the program fee.)

Upon returning from the hike, participants will be able to warm themselves before a wood-burning stove in the Monee Reservoir visitor center, and hot chocolate, coffee and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Monee Reservoir is located on Ridgeland Avenue, west of Route 50 and south of Pauling Road, 2.0 miles south of Monee.

To register or to receive additional information, (815) 727-8700, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Attention to Suburban Activity Therapists

Attention all activity directors and personnel. The next Suburban Activity Therapists meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2003 at the Chesterfield Savings and Loan located at Route 45 and Route 30 in Frankfort, IL. The topic is, "Communication with Dementia Residents," presented by Anna Ortega from Life Services Network. This is a certified meeting; 2 hours of continuing education credit will be given to attendees. The formal meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. and is immediately followed by the guest speaker. If you have any further questions regarding S.A.T., please call Dolorita Farmer-Gordon at (630) 257-2950 or Lisa Geisler at (708) 301-0800.

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Rev. King, preached freedom, not civil rights

Veteran journalist, Joseph Farah argues that the courageous message of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King is being distorted in public schools and in the media.

"Scholastic magazine noted that 'civil rights' are the freedoms and rights that a person has as a member of a community state or nation. "That is not true", argues Mr. Farah. "Civil rights, America's founders taught us, are God given, unalienable rights. They don't descend from government. They are not given through acts of Congress. They cannot be invented by man. They are inherent, universal, and permanent. We also learn from Scholastic that King got his ideas for peaceful resistance from two sources- Mahatma Ghandi and Henry David Thoreau. I don't deny that those folks were influences on King, but to ignore King's inspiration from the Bible is ludicrous!

"Freedom Freedom, Freedom, Freedom. That was the King Message. Martin Luther King talked a lot more about freedom than he did about rights. He was clear on where true freedom and rights came from. That distinction has been obliterated in today's teaching about him. Why? Because freedom cannot be controlled by government. Government would prefer to define the limits of your freedom by arbitrarily creating new "rights" and disabusing us of the notion that rights are God's unalienable gift to all humanity.

"Today, the self proclaimed inheritors of King's movement no longer talk much about freedom. They seldom mention from where our right descend."

Joseph Farah is editor, cofounder, and chief executive officer of Worldnetdaily.com, the Internet's largest independent new site. He is a veteran newspaper editor, having run the Sacramento Union, the news department of the Los Angeles Herald Examiner, and other dailies and weeklies. He coauthor of THIS LAND IS OUR LAND and has collaborated on a dozen other books. He is also cofounder of WND Books.

Oak Lawn K-9 dog promoted to sergeant

by Matt Mayer

The January 14th meeting of the board of trustees is the first of the new year. The meeting commenced with the approval of the minutes of a special meeting #2002-03 on December 10, 2002, which dealt with a public budget. The minutes were unanimously approved for the special meeting as well as the regular meeting minutes for December 10, 2002.

A ceremony for the police department promotions took place. During the ceremony, Village Clerk, Jayne Powers, performed the swearing in of Sergeant Randy Meyers to Lieutenant, Patrol Officer William Palmer and Joseph Stubbs, as well as K-9, Balt, to Sergeant. Mayor Ernest Kolb noted that Balt is the fist K-9 on the Oak Lawn Police department to be promoted to Sergeant. In attendance were relatives and friends of the Police officers. All received a round of applause including Balt, who was unable to attend the ceremony. There is little doubt now as to who is "top dog" on the Oak Lawn Police Department. After the swearing in, Mayor Kolb commended the entire police department for their outstanding work, especially during these trying time.

The board approved an ordinance outlined by Trustee Hurckes for temporary repeal and reinstatement of the resident parking only restrictions to allow for more parking, due to construction at the Dearborn Heights school. This temporary repeal is for west side of Rutherford and the west side of Normandy avenue, from 95th street to 96th street for the remainder of the school year.

Trustee Ron Stancik reported on a cyclical parkway tree trimming program which began as a pilot program in District 2. Stancik reported that even though some residents were concerned about the severity of the trimmings, the program thus far was well received. Stancik also stated tat the benefits of this program will be apparent when the trees begin to leaf out in the spring. This is a five year program to offset the effects of overgrown parkway trees. Trustee Streit, 3rd District, requested that perhaps the village attorney be consulted in regards to sending a resolution to the state requesting the compost sites remain open longer. This would allow the leaf pick up to be extended. Streit said residents were still bagging leaves as they continued falling in December and that residents have no alternative but to store the bags in the back yard until yard waste pick up resumes in the spring.

Attorney Russell Miller represented Dum Block and Mohammed Elghoul, in regards to a parking variation for 28 parking spaces for a convenience store to be located at 9618 Southwest Hwy. The board approved the variation.

A request also was approved by the board for a temporary advertising balloon at 95th and New England From February 3rd to February 10th for the Hone Show at the Park District Pavilion. The annual Girl Scout cookies sale will be held January 17th to February 2, 2003. The board approved a request to waive the bidding process and approved the purchase of a new ambulance in the amount of $89,— from McCoy Miller of Elkhart, IN. The request was approved due to the specific quality and reliability of this vendor.

The board approved the appointments of Jay Walker of District 1 to the Planning and Development Commission as well as the appointment of Daniel Riskey of District 1 to the Traffic Review Committee.

Village Clerk reported that January 13th was the first day to file candidate petitions for the April elections, the last day is January 25th. The candidate petitions are for Trustee's in Districts 1, 3, and 5, as well as Library Board Trustee.

The candidates who have filed thus far are: Oak Lawn Leadership Coalition candidates Jerry Hurckes (Trustee District 1) Marjorie Ann Joy (Trustee District 5) Steven V. Loulousis (Trustee District 3) Independent candidates are: Incumbent, Robert J. Streit (Trustee District 3) Donald M. Biernacki District 3) Lou Novotson (District 3) Library Board candidates are Michael Sutko, Robert E. Honkisz

Senator Louis Viverito to begin ninth year of service

Members of Illinois' new 93rd General Assemble convened for their official swearing in today. Senator Viverito, surrounded by his friends and family, took the oath to represent the constituents of the 11th Legislative District.

"I feel privileged to have earned another opportunity to represent the people in Springfield," Viverito said. "I am looking forward to working with Governor Blagojevich as Democrats control state government for the first time in twenty-six years."

Senator Viverito began his career in public service in 1669 by winning his election as the Stickney Township Democratic Committeeman. Since 1973, Senator Viverito has served as the Supervisor of Stickney Township and President of Stickney Township's Public Health District. In 1994, he was elected as State Senator of the 11th Legislative District, and has risen to the position of Minority Leader.

"There are many challenges facing legislators coming to Springfield," Senator Viverito said. "The issue which takes precedence above all others is the state budget, we must find a way to cut our costs while remaining responsive to citizens' needs."

The state budget deficit estimated at $3 billion is going to make the 93rd General Assemble a veritable pressure cooker, while Governor Blagojevich and legislators try to cut costs and raise revenues to balance the budget.

Accident looks tragic all well

by Annette Dixon

Approximately 3:00 p.m. Sunday, January 19, 2003 on Southwest Highway and 99th Street, a black car traveling east collided into a SUV. The turnover of the SUV was devastating, even though there was no indications of anyone hurt, four boys from Alsip and their father were in the SUV. They were returning from a fun day of sledding. Occupants of both vehicles were not identified, nor any information given about them. The signs in Oak Lawn read speed kills, luckily it did not in this case.

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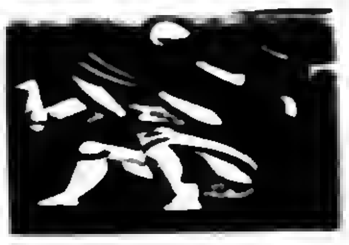

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Tom McAvoy, man who walked 173 miles to keep a promise, will now run...for Alderman in Hickory Hills.

(Hickory Hills, IL - January 17, 2003) In September, 2001, Hickory Hills resident Tom McAvoy walked 173.31 miles across Illinois to keep a promise he made to a group of civic leaders and volunteers who worked to win national scenic byway status for the historic Lincoln Highway in Illinois. Now McAvoy, of 9130 W. 89th Street, will be running a different course. On Monday, January 13, he filed as a candidate for Alderman of the 3rd Ward of Hickory Hills in the non-partisan election to be held on April 1st. He will seek the seat held by incumbent Ald. Kevin McCue, who earlier this year announced that he would not seek re-election.

McAvoy, 51, is an engineering technician for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) where he coordinates the production of accident and traffic volume data used in highway improvement project planning efforts. He has been with IDOT's District One for 17 years.

In 1997, he was assigned to the District's liason to an ad hoc group of Northern Illinois Tourism, historical and economic development officials who were seeking historic route status for the Lincoln Highway in Illinois. The Lincoln Highway was the first transcontinental roadway designed for motorized vehicles when it was created in 1913 and ran 3,389 miles from New York to San Francisco.

Later, in 1999, the group organized as the Illinois Lincoln Highway Coalition (ILHC) and sought to obtain national scenic byway status for the highway's route in Illinois. McAvoy assisted the ILHC's volunteer leadership prepare the extensive paperwork required for the federal government byway designation. A byway designation allows the state to tap into special additional federal highway funds to promote tourism along byway routes. He then challenged the group's volunteers at a January, 2000 meeting to go out and sell the idea to local, state, and federal officials. "If you do it and get the designation, I'll walk the whole thing, 173.31 miles from the Indiana border to the Mississippi river."

The Coalition's efforts were successful and the byway designation was granted on June 15, 2000. "They did not forget my promise so I was stuck," he said. A little more than a year later, on Sept. 1, 2001, at U.S. Route 30 and the Indiana line in Lynwood, McAvoy began his 13-day, 173 mile hike, which the byway promoters dubbed "Mad Mac's March." He took two weeks vacation time from his IDOT job and walked 9 to 17 miles in the early mornings and gave presentations on the highway's history to school children and civic groups during the afternoons and evenings. He arrived in Fulton, IL on Sept. 14, where a parade of antique cars greeted him and he was presented a key to the city by Mayor Howard Van Zuiden.

Altogether, the time he actually spent walking was 71 hours and 56 minutes. Last year he was nominated for a 2003 U.S. Federal Highway Administration Evironmental Excellence Award for his work on behalf of the byway. The winners will be announced on Earth Day. April 22, 2003.

Prior to his position with IDOT, McAvoy worked for the Illinois Departments of Public Aid and Commerce and Community Affairs. In the early 1980's he also served briefly as an Illinois State Representative for the old 27th Legislative District serving the Southwest Side of Chicago, Burbank, Bridgeview, and Bedford Park. He was also elected Republican Committeeman of Chicago's 15th Ward three times, serving from 1984 to 1990.

McAvoy moved to Hickory Hills in 1993 and "pretty much dropped out of politics until 2000," he said. He then volunteered to be a precinct commiteeman for the 19th Precinct of Palos Township for the Palos Township Republican Organization.

The candidate is approaching his campaign in a somewhat untraditional manner. In a packet of information being delivered to 1,300 homes over the next two weeks, McAvoy enclosed a "job application/resume," indicating that he was applying to the voters for the job of Alderman and pledged to try to visit every household to "interview" for the position before the election. His "job application package" also included a survey form and reply envelope in which he encourages 3rd Ward voters to express their concerns, ideas and suggestions regarding city government.

"I've done about 50 voter "job interviews" so far and have about 1,250 more homes to visit. I hope I can make them all. People have been very cordial; ask questions and let me know what they think. I'm learning a lot from just listening to what they have to say. It's good exercise and I could use a few pounds anyway," McAvoy said.

Feldman to address Golden Eagle Club

Stephen J. Feldman, enforcement attorney with the Illinois Securities Department within the office of the Secretary of State, Jesse White, will speak before the Golden Eagle Club, Wednesday, January 29th at 10 am at the Prospect Federal Savings Bank, 11139 S. Harlem Avenue, Worth.

S. Feldman

Feldman is a native Chicagoan, born and raised on the near North Side. He earned a bachelor's degree from Ohio State University and after college he returned to Chicago and earned his law degree from John Marshall Law School.

Oak Lawn Public Library Receives ILA Best Practices Award

The Oak Lawn Public Library is the first recipient ever to win a Best Practice Award from the Illinois Library Association (ILA). Pictured (l-r): Arthur P. Young, ILA Past President; Dr. James B. Casey, library director; Judith McMahon, head of youth services; Deborah Walker, youth services librarian; Joann Buschbach, library board president; Sylvia Murphy Williams, ILA president.

The Oak Lawn Public Library received a Best Practice Award for implementing a community outreach program consisting of interactive story hours for preschoolers and their families during summer 2000. This special pilot program was funded by a Penny Severns Summer Family Literacy grant provided by the Illinois State Library.

The ILA Best Practice Award recognizes libraries of all types across Illinois for excellence in providing innovative public or technical services, community outreach, administration and website design. Libraries receiving this citation serve as models for other libraries who may consider offering the same or similar services and programs.

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Bob Fosse remembered

Chicago native, Bob Fosse, is exonerated in the biographical musical, Fosse, playing at the Paramount Theatre for three amazing performances on February 8 at 8:00p.m. and February 9 at 2:30 & 6:30p.m. Bob Fosse revolutionized the world of dance with his signature modern style performance.

Fosse, the Tony Award winning smash hit musical, highlights the work of the legendary dancer, choreographer and director Bob Fosse. Fosse's sexy style and unique vision revolutionized the musical theartre with the Broadway hits Sweet Charity, Chicago, Dancin', and the films Cabaret and All That Jazz. Long-time Fosse stars Gwen Verdon and Ann Reinking came together to recreate Bob Fosse's groundbreaking work, and an extraordinarily talented cast brings Broadway's all-time best choreography to life!

Robert Louis Fosse was born in Chicago in 1927. As the son of a vaudevillian, he quickly began performing in vaudeville and was on stage in a variety of burlesque shows as a teenager. He studied dance at a neighborhood institution until moving to the Frederick Weaver Ballet Scholl where he was the only male enrolled. Working as an emcee at various nightspots by age fifteen Fosse choreographed his first dance routines. Fosse debuted on Broadway performing in Dance Me A Song in 1950. After acting in several more productions, Fosse returned to New York, where he choreographed The Pajama Game and made his mark in the world of dance.

Branding his own dance style with combinations including finger snapping, hip and shoulder rolls, frequent backward exits, swiveling hips, single handed gestures and the strut, Fosse's image would also include the recognizable bowler hat and white-gloves. His fluid and angular dance moves would earn the description "amoeba" by Fosse himself. As an artist, Fosse earned a total of ten Tony Awards throughout his career as will as the Donaldson Award for his work in Pajama Game, an Oscar, and three Emmy's for producing, directing and choreographing Liza with a Z in 1973.

The motion picture, Sweet Charity, was Bob Fosse's first movie directing experience, soon followed by his finest work in Cabaret. Back to the stage, Fosse was responsible for the success of Chicago. His final Broadway hit was Dancin' in 1978 which highlighted Fosse's distinct style. The artist's last project was a director of the autobiographical movie All That Jazz and Star 80. Fosse noted about the latter, "I like-not exactly sad, but melancholy endings. They seem more true to life." Bob Fosse died in his sixtieth year after collapsing of a heart attack outside the Willard Hotel in Washington D.C., ending a fast paced but extraordinary career.

Tickets for Fosse are $27/$37/$47 and can be purchased at the Paramount Theatre Box Office at 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora or by phone at (630) 896-6666 or at any TicketMaster ticket outlet. The 2002-2003 theatre season is sponsored by American Airlines and Liberty Suburban Chicago Newspapers. Fosse is produced by the Paramount Arts Centre Endowment. This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

The Paramount Theatre is a not-for-profit performing arts theater dedicated to bringing quality, affordable entertainment to the western suburbs. Built in 1931 and restored in 1978, the Paramount Arts Centre was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. Visit the Paramount Theatre online at www.paramountarts.com.

"Center Stage" at SXU

"In the Name of the Father" starring Daniel Day-Lewis and Emma Thompson is about a man falsely accused and wrongly imprisoned who fought for justice to clear his father's name.

It will be shown Friday, January 24, 2003. Pre-film box lunch and beverages at 6 p.m., film at 7 p.m., $10 in advance; or $12 at the door. The box lunch will be served in the Bishop Quarter Room, located in the Warde Academic Center, where the film will be viewed.

Film only night is $3 in advance; $4 at the door. Free parking is available in the Shannon Center parking lot east of the Warde Academic Center.

The "Center Stage" film series shows films that force viewers to reflect on questions of moral conflict, issues of war and peace, justice and revenge and of threat and challenge. Following the film Mary Ann Bergfeld R.S.M., MFA, Associate Professor of Art, will attempt to explore the dilemmas raised. "Center Stage" is sponsored by the Center for Religion and Public Discourse.

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Nancy Glickman (left) coordinator of Assessment and Training at Moraine Valley, congratulates Nicole Colletti of Crestwood (American Trans Air), Debbie Matusky of Hickory Hills (Reliant Bolt), Johanna Hoban of Palos Heights (Sears), and Dr. Donna Ficaro of Palos Heights for earning Human Resources certificates, while instructor Ellen Casey, president of Casey Consulting Services, looks on. The certificates were awarded to the four women for completion of a three-part program of classes designed to increase the knowledge and performance of the human resource professional.

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Military News

Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class, Scott J. Pietryla has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Pietryla earned distinction as an honor graduate.

He is the son of Sophie Pietryla of S. Ridgeway St., Chicago, Ill., and brother of Angela Wrona of W. 101st St., Oak Lawn, Ill.

Pietryla is a 1996 graduate of Brother Rice High School, Chicago.

Navy Airman Edward L. Belletire, grandson of Edward and Gertrude Transier of 9104 S. Hamlin Ave., Evergreen Park, Ill., recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman home ported in Norfolk, Va.

Belletire is one of more than 8000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships and squadrons of the USS Harry S. Truman Carrier Battle Group.

Carriers such as this, are deployed throughout the world to maintain U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors, and are equipped with the most versatile and powerful weapons and aircraft available.

Belletire is a 1998 graduate of Lyons High School of La Grange, Ill. and joined the Navy in September 2001 (Story ID:hf 199cs Batch ID:USS Harry S. Truman Media ID:59510 /USS Harry S. Truman/Beg Dep)

Irish dining

Make plans now to join the OCS group for an evening of Irish dining and entertainment at the Martinique/Drury Lane on Wednesday, March 12. Dinner of corn beef and cabbage is 5:30p.m. Entertainment: Tony Kenny Show, complete with Irish stepdancers at 8:00p.m.

Tickets are $52, available at OCS, 3450 West 97th Street. For more information call (708) 422-8777

Wanted: men who sing

The Barbershop Harmony Society is holding an open house for new members, Tuesday, 1/28/03 at the American Legion, 9701 S. Kedzie Ave., Evergreen Park, Illinois at 7:30 p.m. Come join us, we'll provide the singing, pizza and beer. Our Chorus is composed of men from all the south and west suburbs plus Chicago. If you can't make our open house, join us any Tuesday evening at the Oak Lawn High School, band room, at 8:00 p.m., 95th Street and Southwest Highway. You don't have to read music to learn to harmonize you just need a good ear.

For information, please call Paul Palmer, (708) 698-9081.

Super Bowl Sunday Sports Party Facts

With Super Bowl and March Madness approaching, it's time to start planning for game day get-togethers. Warm, melted cheese recipes - from dips to quesadillas - are a sure way to score points with guests at sports parties. In fact, more than 363 million pounds of cheese were sold in 2002 in the weeks between Super Bowl and March Madness, and 54.5 million pounds were sold during Super Bowl week alone. (IRI, November 2002) Just in time for the big game, here are some reasons to entertain with cheese this winter.

Nearly seven in 10 Americans (69%) say melted cheese makes them feel satisfied. Nothing satisfies hungry fans more than a baked potato bar with all the fixings. Invite guests to top potatoes with grated Asiago, Cheddar or crumbled Blue and microwave until hot and bubbly. Try miniature new potatoes for a bite-sized treat.

More that eight in 10 Americans (85%) use cheese always or often when entertaining.* Have a hearty snack handy when hungry fans get a break from the action. Tortilla chips topped with your favorite melted cheese will warm them up just in time for the second half.

Americans say pizza (26%) and cheese dip (47%) are their favorite melted cheese recipes in general and for entertaining.* Every team has its MVP - party fare is no different! Topped with melted Mozzarella, smooth Provolone and smoked Gouda, Cheesy Pull-Apart Party Sticks are a delicious homemade alternative to pizza. Or, bowl guests over with Big Bowl Cheese Dip, a combo of tangy Cheddar and spicy Pepper Jack, taco seasoning and chipotle peppers. Like it hotter? Add a dash of Tabasco for intense flavor.

Super Bowl Sunday is ranked as the number two food consumption event of the year, second only to Thanksgiving, according to the American Institute of Food Distribution.-Celebrate a big win with a plate of spicy quesadillas. Tortillas filled with zesty Jalapeno Jack, mild Colby and your favorite mix of veggies make for winning finger food.

*(Based on a survey of 1,100 people on supermaketguru.com, November 2002)

Tips from chefs and restaurant

Get the scoop on cheesy party fare from seasoned chefs. They know that cheese score for hungry fans.

Pair a Merlot, instead of beer, with classic cheese pizza. make a simple home made pizza pie, with a savory combination of Mozzarella, Fontina, Parmesan and Asiago. (Master Sommelier Larry Stone, Rubicon, San Francisco)

Serve grilled chicken and smoked Gouda quesadillas cut into four sections for an easy finger food. (Chef Anthony Lamas, Jicama, Louisville)

Sprinkle tangy Blue cheese and walnuts and drizzle honey on slices of French bread. Toast until cheese is warm and melted. (Chef Kerry Heffernan, 11 Madison Park, New York)

Add shredded Romano to classic hot spinach dip. Scoop up with sourdough bread. (Chef Marlin Kaplin, One Walnut, Cleveland)

Top slices of crusty French bread with shredded Provolone and broil until the cheese is bubbly and golden. Serve with marinara sauce. (Chef David Shea, formerly of Spruce and Twelve 12, Chicago)

Cheesy Pull-Apart Party Sticks

Makes: 12 breadsticks
Prep time: 5 minutes
Bake time: 13 minutes

Ingredients:

1 11-ounce can
refrigerated soft breadsticks
1 1/2 cups
shredded cheese, such as Mozzarella, Provolone and smoked Gouda
1/2 teaspoon
dried basil or oregano
2 cups
warmed ready-prepared marinara sauce

Heat oven to 375 degrees

Remove breadsticks from parchment paper. Do not separate breadsticks. You should have a rectangle about 13 inches long and 6 inches wide.

Sprinkle cheese down center of dough leaving a border of about 1/2-inch. Bake for 10 to 11 minutes or until cheese is lightly browned. Remove from oven and transfer to a board or platter. Let cool 3 to 4 minutes.

To serve, pull apart breadsticks. Serve with warm marinara sauce.

Big Bowl Cheese Dip

Makes: 20 servings
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 5-8 minutes

Ingredients:

1/2 cup
diced onion
1 cup
regular or non-alcoholic beer
8 ounces (2 cups)
shredded Cheddar cheese
8 ounces (2 cups)
shredded Pepper Jack cheese
2 tablespoons
all purpose flour
1 1/2 tablespoons
taco seasoning
1 to 2 tablespoons
chopped chipotle pepper in adobo sauce
1 cup
sour cream
Tortilla chips or roasted potato wedges, for dipping

Place onion and beer in a heavy medium-sized saucepan. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer 3 to 4 minutes.

In a large bowl, combine cheeses, flour and taco seasoning. Slowly add handfuls to hot beer until melted. Repeat until all the cheese is used. Stir in chipotle pepper and sour cream.

Taste of Home Cooking School

Don't miss the first ever Taste of Home Cooking School on April 14, 2003 at the Paramount Theatre in Aurora. Rejuvenate your mealtimes with springtime recipe delights that are sure to become family favorites. "Replacing time-consuming recipes with our easy-to prepare recipes will save you time and tempt your family's taste buds with new, exciting flavors", explains Sandy Bloom, executive director of Taste of Home Cooking School.

Michelle Groggins from the cooking school staff will stir up eleven delicious recipes during the 2-hour presentation, while sharing humorous anecdotes, food preparation tips and garnishing ideas that will dress up any springtime meal. Attendees will receive a free Taste of Home Cooking School Recipe Collection with the featured recipes, so they can follow along and take notes as Michelle prepares her garden party of spring flavors. The Recipe Collection has over 150 recipes in addition to the eleven highlighted dishes. Guests will also be handed a gift bag full of product samples, valuable coupons and informative brochures.

If you have never attended a Taste of Home Cooking School, make plans now to join the festivities! Your name might be drawn for one of the many fantastic door prizes we have collected. National sponsors who work in association with the cooking school have contributed special gifts. You might even win one of the featured recipes. All eleven dishes will be given away. The event emcee will be Mr. Steve Marten, WBIG Radio personality.

Tickets will go fast so call the Paramount Theatre for $11/$13/$15 each. The doors will open for the event at 6:00p.m., and the program will begin at 7:00p.m. The Taste of Home Cooking School is sponsored by WBIG 1280 AM.

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Essay & art contest

The Thaddeus Przybylo Polish Heritage and Essay Contest is open to all elementary school students.

Students in Grades 7 and 8 are to write a two page essay on the topic "The influence of Polish Culture on your life here in the united states. Students are to write a research based essay on this topic. A bibliography of no more than five sources must be attached.

Students in Grades 5 and 6 are to write a one page essay on the topic "Compare Polish customs to other international customs. Students are to compare and/or contrast Polish customs to customs of other countries or nationalities.

All essays will be judged on originality, content and structure. Essays may be written in English or Polish. On the top right hand of the paper students should include their name, grade, home address and phone, and name of school and school phone. All essays must be typed double spaced, using 12 font on one side of the paper.

Students in grades 3 and 4 are to create a picture on their interpretation of a "Polish Legend". Pictures may be created using any medium and should be on 12 x 8 art paper. On the back of the paper., students must print name, grade, home address, phone and school and school phone.

The deadline for all essays and art work will be February 6, 2003. Any essay or art work not following the above guidelines will be disqualified. All essays and art work should be sent to: Kenneth P. Gill, 7551 West Palatine, Chicago, IL 60631-1824 or Stella Venard, % Talcott School, 1840 W. Ohio Street, Chicago, IL 60622, Mail Run 35.

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Valentine's Party

McDonald Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 177, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL, Saturday, February 8, 2003, will be hosting "Valentine's Party" Starting at 7:00 p.m., Food, Music, and fun for all. Information is available at 1-708-636-3220. We welcome all residents and friends to attend this event. We will be watching for you.

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Orland Park student takes seat on Moraine Valley Board of Trustees

With an eye on a future in business or public relations, Shannon Ashley, a sophomore from Orland Park, will get some valuable experience as Moraine Valley's newest student trustee.

Ashley, a 1996 graduate of Marist High School, was sworn in December 18 during the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Ashley, selected by a student leadership committee to replace Khalid Hussein who resigned on October, will complete the remaining four months of the 2002-2003 student trustee term.

Ashley will graduate from Moraine Valley in May with plans to earn a bachelor's degree in business management at Cornell University.

He sought the student trustee position, he said to "increase student awareness of issues affecting them," something he already was engaged in through his work as vice president of the Student Government Association and president of Moraine Valley's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges.

"We are pleased to have someone of Shannon's credentials sit on the Board." Dr. John Donahue, board chairman, said "We look forward to working with him and receiving his views on how we can serve students better."

Ashley said he also looks forward to serving on the board and for the valuable experience he can gain over the next months. After completing his bachelor's degree, he plans on returning to the Marines to become an infantry officer, which will give him additional experience he can use in business or in public relations, he said. "It's pretty much an easy transition from troop management to employee management." Before enrolling at Moraine Valley, Ashley served tow tours of duty in the Middle East and currently is a platoon sergeant in the Marine Reserves.

For more information, call Mark Horstmeyer, director of College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5275 or email: horstmeyer@morainevalley.edu.

COR Concert features voices Of Catholic high school students

Catholic high school students from across the Archdiocese of Chicago will sing of their hopes for racial harmony at the third annual concert sponsored by Catholic Schools Opposing Racism, COR.

COR in Concert "Visions and Dreams" will be presented at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan 29, at Old St. Patrick's Church, 700 W. Adams St., in Chicago. Each school performing has chosen a song to represent its commitment to build an inclusive world by working to transcend the boundaries of race and neighborhood.

High schools participating in COR in Concert are Archbishop Quigley, Good Counsel, Loyola Academy, Marin, Mother McAuley, Mother Guerin, Mount Assisi, Nazareth, Notre Dame for Girls, Queen of Peace, Regina Dominican, Resurrection, Seton, St. Scholastica, and Trinity.

Donations for the concert is $5. For more information, call Suzanne Wille, Peace faculty member and COR coordinator, at 708-458-7600, Ext. 205.

COR, sponsored by Queen of Peace High School and directed by Peace Principal Patricia Nolan-Fitzgerald, is a network of Catholic secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago collaborating to eradicate racism. In addition to the annual concert, COR events include suppers and discussion groups for students and faculty, inservices and conferences for teachers and an Archdiocese-wide Commitment Day.

COR also produced "Turning CORners," a play that portrays a universal story about belonging and difference, rejection and acceptance, sadness and joy that represent the common experience of race in America.

Vietnam Vet visits Brother Rice High School

Students in Brother Rice High School's Vietnam Vet War History class listen to Major John Anderson of the U.S. Army Reserves as he relates his experiences as a soldier in the Vietnam War. Maj. Anderson was a "tunnel rat" in the war, flushing out enemy soldiers from hidden tunnels. He told Brother Rice students that he fought in, among other battles, the Tet Offensive. Maj. Anderson was a guest of history instructor Pat Richardson. Richardson often invites veterans to speak to his class to help put a face on the war in addition to getting historical information from studying textbooks and seeing documentaries.

Richards staff, students assist disabled adults

For the second straight year, staff and students form Richards High School in Oak Lawn organized a benefit for the residents of Howe Developmental Center in Tinley Park.

Howe Developmental Center is a residential facility for developmentally disabled adults. Many have few, if any family members that visit. A friend of school secretary Patricia Wujik inspired the event.

"My friend Marcia Downey read a newspaper article of the "forgotten people." Most of them have no family, no relatives, no friends so they never received anything during the Season of Giving." Wujik said.

"(Downey) decided then and there that she would do whatever she could to guarantee at least one small item for each resident to open. She enlisted my help and all through the year we collect small things such as shampoo samples, perfume samples, whatever. We go to garage sales, dollar stores, collect costume jewelry from family and friends and hold onto these items until this time of year. We also ask for 'gently used' clothing." Wujik said.

Last year, with the assistance of the National Honor Society, the Richards community participated. Staff and students collaborated at Richards one again prior to the holidays to collect clothing, perfume, accessories, shampoo, and other personal items for the residents.

Teacher Carol Garding, Teacher assistant Angie Kladis, Learning Resource Center Coordinator Ann Moore and Wujik were instrumental in organizing this project. Many staff members and students made donations and assisted with the wrapping.

"Last year was my first year working in the district and I only asked the secretaries and a few teachers about donations. This year Carol Garding put out a district-wide e-mail. Earlier in the semester, (teacher) Pat Luecke said she would help collect and the project mushroomed. Not only did we have many item donated, but several teachers donated money and we went shopping for warm socks, knot caps, scarves, and gloves. Walgreen's at 95th and Cicero allowed me to use their '39-cents coupon' with an expanded limit on playing cards, memo books, and gel pens. Everyone has been super!"

"To be honest with you, I was overwhelmed by the generosity of District 218. This certainly proved to me that people actually do have hearts of gold." Wujik said.

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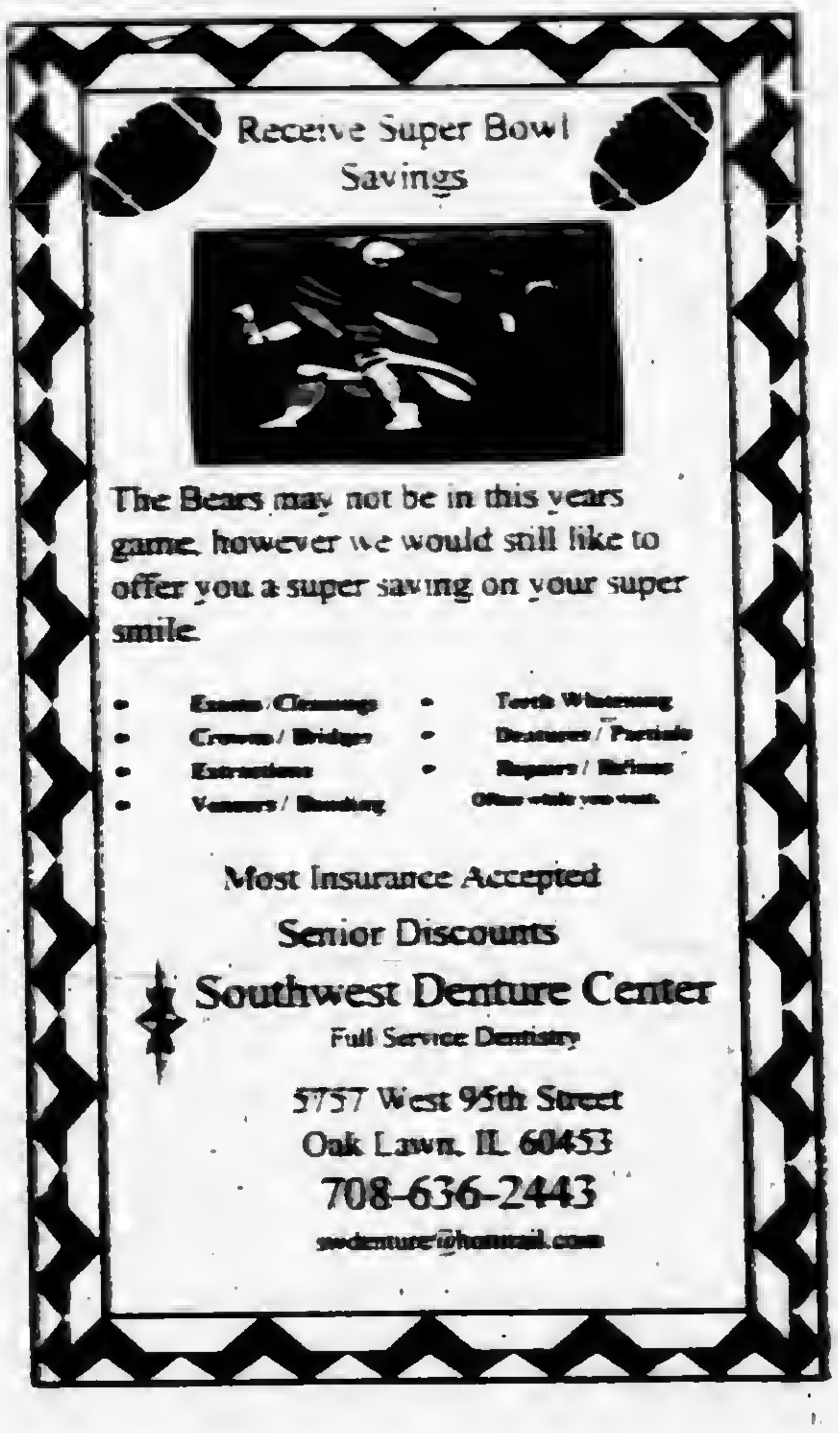

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Crotty becomes Senator

She may be changing titles, serving over 100,000 more constituents, and moving her Springfield office to the State Capitol, but former State Representative Maggie Crotty is determined to keep her common sense approach to lawmaking. Crotty, who was elected to the Illinois Senate in November of 2002, earned the official rank of State Senator after taking the oath of office in a ceremony inaugurating all 59 members to Illinois' 93rd General Assembly session.

Though Crotty is not new to the legislative process, she is one of 17 new members of the state's higher chamber. Crotty, who was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1996, now joins a team of 33 Democrats, the party that controls the flow of business in the Senate for the first time in 10 years. Additionally, Crotty and her new Democratic colleagues in the Illinois Senate share the distinction of being the only legislative chamber in the country to switch from Republican control to Democratic control during the 2002 election cycle.

"I'm energized and ready to get down to business," Crotty said. "There are a lot of challenges ahead of the state and Senate Democrats will undoubtedly have their work cut out for them. I hope my experiences in the legislature can be useful now and in the years to come."

As a member of the Illinois House, Crotty fought tirelessly to pass the Senior Citizen Prescription Drug Discount Act, a measure that could create significant cost reductions in prescription medications for all Illinois seniors. The legislation was sent to the Republican-controlled Senate three times, but was killed in committee action. With Democrats in control, Crotty says she plans to bring the legislation to a vote on the Senate floor.

"Discounts on prescription drug costs has been on of my most important, certainly my most personal, of issues," Crotty said. "I think that significant strides will be made to get this project completed during this session. That will be a great day."

Crotty also cast her vote in support of longtime state lawmaker Emil Jones, Jr., helping him change his title from Senate Democratic Leader to State Senate President. Jones, whose district is located directly north of Crotty's 19th Legislative District, is currently the only African American Senate President in the United States. And, due to legislative redistricting finalized last year, Jones now represents constituents that Crotty had represented for more than six years.

"Over the last several years, President Jones and I have worked well toger." Crotty said. "Lately, we've worked with each other to get acquainted with our new districts. He's very thoughtful about the issues that I think are top priorities for Illinois and the south suburbs-education, affordable health care and prescription drugs as well as community and economic revitalization. The process is never smooth sailing, but with President Jones at the helm, I'm confident that we'll accomplish some terrific victories for our region and the entire state."

Senator Crotty's term will expire in January 2007.

"Ragtime" comes to Chiesa Nuova

by Marijo Doody

Sue Keller, superb ragtime keyboard artist, a resident of Oak Forest, IL. is included in "Chiesa Nuova's" winter artistic series, performing on January 26th at 3:00 p.m. Keller has participated in numerous concerts, competitions, workshops and festivals with her upbeat, peppy, syncopated melodies and intricate rhythms of early American Ragtime. Performances, et al, across the country include some of the following stops: Montreal Canada, Alexandra Bay New York, Savannah Georgia, Arlington Virginia, Blue Mounds, Sedalia, Peoria and Decatur Illinois, Eureka Washington, Springfield Missouri, Sacramento California, and Alaska Ragtime Cruise. Sue Keller has released numerous recordings to great reviews and even established The Ragtime Press. On most of her CD's, original compositions are included in the varying styles of blues, stride, boogie and dixieland along with the standard Ragtime tunes of Fats Waller, Scott Joplin and contemporary rags by Jenks, Johnson, Seppe and others.

Chiesa Nuova (CN), is a Franciscan atmosphere of hospitality, contemplation, and openness to reach out to performing artists and provide them with a place to perform their works. Chiesa Nuova provides the com- munity of Chicago and surrounding areas the opportunity to experience the arts as an exercise of healing, unity, and cultural enrichment in an intimate living room setting.

Robert Hutmacher OFM is founder and director of Chiesa Nuova. Hutmacher is an artist in all areas including keyboard, harp, composition and sketching. Chiesa Nuova has six members on the Board of Directors, including Evergreen Park resident, [illegible], a [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] Nuova continues to hold the 4th Thursday of every month for prayer for world peace with readings from Scripture, silence and musical prayers from the communities of Taize and Iona included with instrumental support. Chiesa Nuova is located at 230 South Laflin in Chicago. The web address is : www.chiesanuova.org. Phone is (312) 226-0983. Reach Sue Keller at Ragtime Press P.O. Box 630 Oak Forest, IL 60452 for CD's and tapes.

Sue Keller at the Old-time Piano Playing Contest in Decatur.

11th Annual festivals and events workshop

Municipal, not-for-profit, corporate, fraternal, church and school event planners are invited to attend the 11th Annual Chicago Southland Festivals & Events Workshop, Wednesday and Thursday, February 5 & 6, at the Radisson Hotel Chicago-Alsip, 5000 W. 127th Street.

The Chicago Southland Festivals & Events Workshop provides regional event planners with insight into the latest trends in festival and event planning and execution, discussion of legal and financial issues, and marketing and merchandising of festivals, fairs, carnivals, and special events. Discussion topics vary widely and appeal to planners involved in any stage of event planning.

A vendor expo features providers of the elements necessary to stage a successful event, including musical acts, pyrotechnic and amusement companies, insurance companies, audio/visual companies, portable restroom companies, and much more. An entertainment showcase rounds out the workshop, where attendees enjoy refreshments while entertainers and musicians demonstrate their craft. There is also ample time for planners and vendors to exchange information, strategies, and ideas in festival and event planning and production.

A sample of the featured speakers at the event at the Festivals & Events workshop and Illinois Special Events Network Convention include:

Steven Wood Schmader, CFE, President & CEO of the International Festivals & Events Association, took over management of the IFEA in May 2001, after 11 years as President of the Boise River Festival. Steven is one of the nation's most accomplished festival planners.

Vernon A. Gresham, CFE, has over 18 years of festival and event planning experience through his company, Progressive Entertainment, which annually works with hundreds of festivals nationwide. Gresham has lectured extensively throughout the US and abroad.

Karen Powell, President, Management Consulting, Inc., brings over 25 years of experience in leadership and management to her clients, offering proven tools and techniques to increase productivity and maximize success. Powell has worked for some of the nation's largest financial institutions as a human resource and training professional and brings her dynamic speaking style and insight to workshop attendees.

Registration for the CSCVB's two-day Festivals & Events Workshop and Illinois Special Events Network Convention is $125 for ISEN/IFEA members and $145 for non-mem- bers. Each additional registrant from the same organization is only $100 per person. Late registration (after 1/25/03) is an additional $50 per registrant.

For those who would like to attend the February 5, 2003 Festivals & Events Workshop only, registration is $50 per person and $45 for each additional registrant from the same organization. Late registration (after 1/25/03) is an additional $5 per person.

Individuals may also attend the Wednesday February 5 Vendor Expo andntertainment Showcase only for $25 per person.

Accommodations are available at the Radisson Hotel Chicago-Alsip at a special Chicago Southland Festivals & Events Workshop rate; call the hotel at (708) 371-7300

To receive a registration brochure for the 11th Annual Chicago Southland Festivals & Events Workshop and 5th Annual Illinois Special Events Network Convention, February 5 & 6, 2003 at the Radisson Hotel Chicago-Alsip, call Sophia Santucci at the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau, (708) 895-8200, or toll free at (888) 895-8233.

Brosnahan Starts His 4th Term

Sworn in to serve his fourth term as repre-sentative of the 36th District, Jim Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) plans to introduce legislation aimed at protecting communities and increas-ing public safety. Representative Brosnahan also plans to continue his dedication to constituent service and looks forward to working with new legislators, a new governor and a new district.

I believe in being open and access-ible to all of the constituents in my district,"Brosnahan said. "Speaking on behalf of my con-stituents is the most important part of my job and I feel that I have been successful in advancing and protecting their interests."

Representative Brosnahan thinks that this new General Assembly is going to open up the door for legis-lation to benefit not only his dis-trict, but the entire state as well. With the Democrats now in control of the House, Senate, and the Governor's Mansion, they will be able to pass important legis-lation, such as af-fordable prescrip- tion drug programs, equitable school funding measures, and work place safety protections.

We now have a great opportunity to make some progress," stated Brosnahan. "Essential bills not receiving fair consideration and neglected legis-lation will now be given new life."

Representative Brosnahan repre-sents the new 36th district which covers all or parts of Chicago's 18th and 19th Wards, Chicago Ridge, Evergreen Park, Hickory Hills, Hometown, Oak Lawn, Palos Hills and Worth.

Vikings! a musical in 2 axe

The Noble Fool Theater Company is proud to present the World Premiere musical, Vikings! A Musical in Two Axe, in a six-week engagement February 5-March 22, 2003.

Vikings! A Musical in Two Axe is a boisterously entertaining epic musical romp through the world of the conquerors of the North. Olaf and his band of warriors will present modern audiences with thousand year old advice on how to survive uncertain times. Cast adrift on the Lost Sea of Dreams for a thousand years, as the last band of Vikings arrive in the present day, [illegible] epic musical adventure in which they challenge Gods, change destiny and, perhaps, save humanity. Song selections include "Heavy Metal", "Vikings Are Everywhere", and "A Viking Life", with special appearances by Thor, Odin, and the ever captivating Valkyrie.

Vikings!...is written by Noble Fool Company members Jack Bronis (Book and Lyrics) and Bonnie Sherlake (Music, Lyrics and Musical Director), the co-creators and original cast members of the long-running Noble Fool hit Flanagan's Wake. Other members of the creative team include Defiant Theatre Company member and Remy Bumppo Artistic Associate Linda Gillum (Director), as well as Gene Friedman (Set/Costume Designer), and Andrew Meyers (Lighting Designer). Fight Choreography for Vickings!...is provided by Chicago theater veteran and Columbia University resident, David Wooley.

Noble Fool Company members starring in the production include Geoff Binns-Calvey (Olaf), Kevin [illegible], Christopher Fox ([illegible]), [illegible] ([illegible]), [illegible] ([illegible]), and [illegible] ([illegible]). Rounding out the cast is Noble Fool Ensemble member [illegible] ([illegible]), along with Gary Alexander (Bolverk), Darren Stephens (The Earl), Sarah Hayes (Dagmar), Vanessa Greenway (Valkyrie/Anna), Sheridan Smith (Valkyrie/Freda) and Sean Paul Bryan (Riverdancer Stewart).

Vikings! A Musical in Two Axe will be performed February 10-March 22 (with previews February 5-9), on: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 8p.m.; Saturdays at 4:30 and 8:30p.m.; and Sundays at 3p.m. Single tickets are priced at $35 for Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday performances, and $39 for Friday and Saturdays. (Tickets are priced at $30 and $34 for previews)

Tickets can be purchased through the Noble Fool Box Office: by calling (312) 726-1156; and at all Ticketmaster Ticket Centers; or by visiting www.ticketmaster.com.

Also on the bill for the 2002-2003 Main Stage season is [illegible] the [illegible], at [illegible] (773) [illegible] or [illegible] Summer 2003.

For more information on the Noble Fool Theater or [illegible] please visit www.noblefool.com.

Gretchen Helfrich Lectures at SXU

Nationally syndicated radio personality Gretchen Helfrich will deliver Saint Xavier's 2003 Annual Honors Program Lecture on Wednesday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Formal Reception Room of the Warde Academic Center.

The Honors Program Lecture is co-sponsored by the Center for Religion and Public Discourse. For further information about the 2003 Honors Program Lecture, please contact Dr. Judith Hiltner, Director of [illegible]

Saint Xavier University is a private, coeducational institution serving more than 5,000 men and women with high quality academic programs. It offers 36 undergraduate majors and 32 graduate program options in four schools: School of Arts and Sciences, School of Education, Graham School of Management and School of Nursing. Located in a residential neighborhood in Chicago, the University offers personalized education that emphasizes challenging undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs of study. Crain's Chicago Business (July ..., 2002) recognized Saint Xavier University for achieving the highest percentage of enrollment growth among Chicago area universities and colleges during the previous year, increasing ... percent, and U.S. News & World Report named Saint Xavier in its 2002 "Best Colleges" issue as a best value and for its diversity as a master's degree-granting institution in the Midwest region.

Prospect Federal Provides Free SXU Basketball Tickets

Prospect Federal Savings Bank is providing free tickets to its customers and other Southwest Metropolitan Chicago residents for the men's basketball game on "Prospect Federal Day", Saturday, February 1st at St. Xavier University, announced bank President, Steven F. Rosenbaum. This special day was designated in appreciation of the bank's sponsorship of Saint Xavier's Fall and Winter sports programs. The game will be played at the University's Athletic Center at 3700 W. 103rd Street, Chicago.

In addition to free tickets, Prospect Federal will conduct drawings for free prizes during the game. Anyone attending can register to win with no obligation.

Up to 4 free tickets per family will be given away to people interested in attending the 3:00 PM Saturday, February 1st game between the St. Xavier Cougars and Chicagoland Collegiate Athletics Conference rival, Olivet Nazarene University.

Mr. Rosenbaum said, "Those wanting tickets can get them at our Oak Lawn, Worth, and Pulaski Road offices, while supplies last." He emphasized that tickets are absolutely free. No deposit is necessary.

The bank's addresses for free tickets are 4646 West 103rd Street in Oak Lawn; 11139 South Harlem Avenue in Worth; and 6858 South Pulaski Road in Chicago.

For further information, call Prospect Federal at:

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SoxFest 2003 features current and former players

Chicago White Sox All-Stars Mark Buehrle, Paul Konerko and Magglio Ordonez will headline the list of current players attending SoxFest 2003, the 17th annual White Sox fan convention which will be held January 31-February 2 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

SoxFest offers fans the opportunity to meet their favorite current and former Sox players. Other current players, including Sandy Alomar, Jr., Jon Garland, Joe Crede, Bartolo Colon, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible] are scheduled to appear. The [illegible] Sox Game retirement, former Sox All-Stars, including [illegible], Bucky Dent, Rich Dotson, Ron Kittle, Carlos May, Jack McDowell, Minnie Minoso and Billy Pierce, will be on hand as well. Current and former players will participate in skills clinics, question and answer sessions and autograph signings throughout the weekend.

SoxFest will be held January 31-February 2 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, located at 151 East Wacker Drive in downtown Chicago. Dates and times are as follows:

Friday, January 31: 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 1: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 2: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

To make hotel reservations for SoxFest 2003, call the SoxFest hotline at (312) 565-0769. For additional details or ticket information, visit www.whitesox.com or call the White Sox at (312) 674-1000.

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MVCC present quilt codes

Moraine Valley will host an exhibit presentation of "The Civil War Quilts: The Hidden Code to the Freedom of Slaves Through the Underground Railroad" on Sunday, February 2, at 1 p.m. The presentation, directed toward junior high school age and above, will take place in the [illegible] Theater.

The historical story of quilts made by African Americans before the Civil War will be discussed, and the secret messages within the quilts will be decoded in this dramatic presentation. The quilts on display will be replicas of the actual Civil War quilts that fugitive slaves used as secret maps to follow a route through the Underground Railroad to freedom. The presentation will [illegible] the secret messages in the quilts that are rich in [illegible].

Dr. [illegible] C. B[illegible] will lead the presentation. Dr. B[illegible] earned her Ed.D in Adult Continuing Education through Leadership and Educational Policy Studies from Northern Illinois University. She also has earned an M.A. in Education from Northern Illinois as well as a B.S. in Home Economics Education from Kentucky State University. B[illegible] is an administrator [illegible] at Joliet Township High School and the University of St. Francis in Joliet.

There is a general admission charge of $12 for this presentation. For more information, contact the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500 or visit Moraine Valley's Chicago Artists Series section on the Web at www.morainevalley.edu/fpac/chicago.htm

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Basketball bonuses

As football winds down, it's time for basketball fans to gear up. To help them celebrate the season, the Oak Lawn Park District will offer two basketball related events in February.

On Sunday, Feb. 2, the park district will host a Chicago Bulls/NBA Two Ball Competition at its Community Pavilion (9400 S. Oak Park Ave.). This free event will feature pairs of basketball players competing against other pairs for the highest number of shots scored from six different spots on the basketball court. Age appropriate divisions are available for boys and girls from ages nine and up; there will also be a parent-child division. The top team in each division will advance to the area event with the opportunity to advance to the team championship, which will [illegible] at a Chicago Bulls' game. [illegible], but participants need to sign up at the Community Pavilion in advance.

The Chicago Bulls game on Friday, Feb. 28, will be Oak Lawn Park District Night at the United Center. As part of this special night, all Oak Lawn Park District patrons can purchase half-price tickets for the game. If a minimum of 150 tickets are sold, children will be able to play on the United Center court prior to the game. Discounted prices are $13-$22. Limited tickets are available; bus transportation will be available for an additional fee.

For more information on this trip or the two-ball competition, please call (708) 857-2420 or e-mail info@olparks.com.

Beverly Hills Embroiderers' Guild meeting

The Beverly Hills Embroiderers' Guild will be meeting on January 21st, 2003, at the Oakview Center, 4625 W. 110th Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois. The meetings are held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The 9 a.m.-12 noon meeting: Winterthur Decorative Arts Museum Video. A presentation of 30 slides from the Museum's needlework collection, including samplers, mourning pictures and furnishings.

The 7 p.m.-9 p.m. meeting: Six Miles [illegible] To Little Time will be a [illegible] project.

All are welcome at either or both meetings.

Hotel & Employee Garage Sale

The Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 South Cicero Avenue, Oak Lawn will host a Hotel & Employee Garage Sale in the Hotel Ballroom on Sunday, February 9, 2003. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Some of the items to be sold include furniture, [illegible], linens, silver and much more.

Admission charge is $1.00; children under 10 free. Early Bird admission is at 8:30 a.m. for $10.00. No strollers please.

Whitney's Restaurant offers a Breakfast Buffet from 7:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

For additional information call (708) 229-8800.

Think Spring

The [illegible] program guides will be delivered to residents of Oak Lawn during the week of January 27. They contain park district news, facility information and a complete list of program offerings at the Oak Lawn Park District for the months of February through May. The guide also provides seasonal day camp information, as well as seasonal recipes from Oak Lawn residents and chefs at Lee Brothers and Whitney's restaurants.

Registration for spring programs will begin on Monday, Feb. 10, for OL residents; non-residents will be able to register beginning Monday, Feb. 17.

In the program guide, the OL Park District highlights 13 new programs. They are: Pencil & Charcoal (a technique-based art class); [illegible] (a [illegible] art class for [illegible] and challenging projects); Exploring Art With [illegible] (helps young artists explore different media); Watercolor Painting (a youth art class); [illegible] Sculpting [illegible]; Charcoal Pastels & Colored Pencils (an adult beginner art class); Oil [illegible] Paintings (an adult art class with new projects [illegible]); Floral Arranging (a hands-on design class); Stability Ball & Resistance Band Body Sculpting (a fitness class designed to help participants improve balance, flexibility and muscular endurance); Meditation & Power Breathing (teaches how to combine deep breathing with positive thinking for releasing stress and tension); Mardi Gras Cooking (a one-day class); and [illegible] Cooking (a one-day class to maximize grocery dollars and minimize food waste).

For more information on programs, fees and schedules please call the park district at (708) 857-2200 or visit www.olparks.com.

Call 708-423-9754 to Advertise in the Feb. [illegible] Bridal and Valentine Issue

A stroll down memory lane

Take a stroll down memory lane with slides from Mt. Greenwood's past presented by the Mt. Greenwood Historical Society. Stroll with us down 111th St., the heart of the village.

The slide presentation will take a look at changes that took place on 111th St. through the years. Sit back and enjoy the show at the Mt. Greenwood Library's large meeting room, 11010 S. Kedzie Ave. on Monday, January 27, at 6:45 p.m.

Admission is free and open to the public. Free [illegible] will be provided. For information contact [illegible] 773-[illegible]

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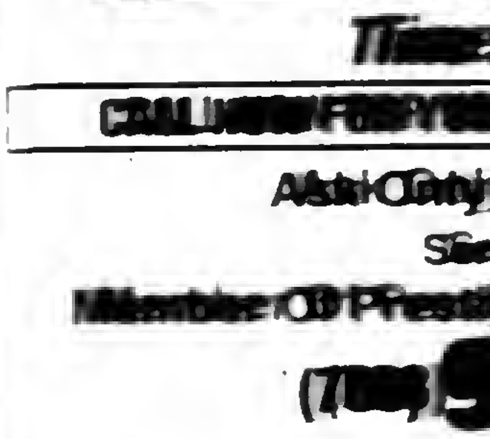

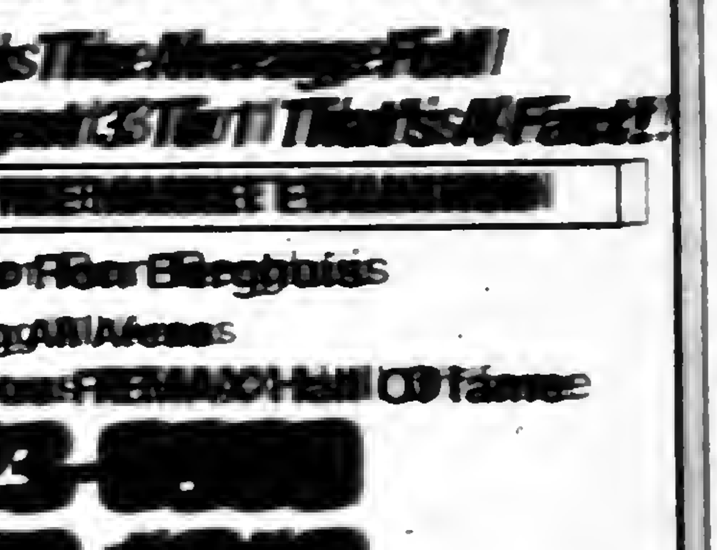

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Info night at Reavis

On Thursday, February 13, 2003, Reavis High School's students and their parents are invited to attend an "College Planning Information Night" from 6:30-8:00pm at Reavis High School located at 6034 West 77th Street, Burbank IL. This program will include an informational presentation from 6:30 - 7:00p.m. regarding 4-year college admission requirements, ACT Score acceptance levels, GPA/Class Rank and Junior College Transfer Programs. Visitations for parents, students and college representatives will be from 7:00 to 8:00p.m.

This program will give parents an opportunity to visit and discuss college programs, career areas, planning aspects and financial aid with post-secondary representatives. We have secured representatives from universities such as [illegible] Illinois University, [illegible] University, the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign), Loyola, Illinois [illegible], [illegible] Eastern Illinois, Western Illinois, St. [illegible] University, Illinois State, Moraine Valley Community College, [illegible] Business Schools and Northwestern Business School. Your student does not have to be considering one of these institutions to attend this program.

Those interested in obtaining more information about the program may call (708) 599-7200 ext. 211.

K of C relocates Bingo

The Knights of Columbus Sansalvador / Archangel Council 282 are relocating their Bingo Session to the Elks Chicago South Lodge 1596, 4428 Midlothian Turnpike in Crestwood. The opening session should begin on February [illegible], [illegible] and Bingo will start at [illegible].

The Bingo Committee is headed by Ed Jablonski, Chairman; [illegible] of Crestwood, Finance Officer and [illegible] of Palos Hills, Financial Coordinator.

Chairman Jablonski said, "We want to create a pleasant and fun atmosphere for everyone. We're going to have many interesting games to play. It's going to be a fun evening of fun. We invite all Bingo enthusiasts to come out and spend the evening of fun and excitement with us, the more merrier and the bigger the prizes."

The officers of the Elks welcome the Knights of Columbus for the Wednesday Night sessions. The Elks hold their Bingo Session each week on Thursday nights.

Bob Meany of Orland Park, who is the Grand Knight of Council 282 said, "This continuous fund raising effort will help support and make our charitable and scholarship programs so much more effective in our communities. We invite all Bingo players to join us in a [illegible] Bingo Games and some exciting programs, [illegible] and Pull Tab games. As an added incentive for joining us, we will start a Winter Giveaway monthly drawing for extra prizes. The tickets will be given for each $[illegible] spent on raffle or pull-tabs."

For more information, please call Ed Jablonski at (708) 371-6545.

Dinner and dancing

Tickets are currently available for the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce 57th Annual Installation Dinner, which will be held Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. A cocktail reception will begin promptly in the Grand Ballroom at 6:30p.m., followed by an installation program of board members at 7:30p.m. and a dinner at [illegible] will be available at [illegible] p.m. Music for dinner and dancing will be provided by the [illegible] Orchestra.

According to Jane Kennedy, the Chamber's executive director, the event is black-tie optional, and tickets are being sold for $[illegible] per person at the Chamber's office, 5314 W. 95th St.

During the installation program, Dave Kobak of Blake Lamb Funeral Home will be inducted as the new president of the Chamber's Board of Directors, replacing Pat Niethamer. The first vice president will be Anne Marie Casey of Annie's Ltd., and the second vice president will be Jack Baker of LaSalle Bank. The secretary will be Leo Gutchewsky of Century 21 Accent/Homefinders, and the treasurer will be Peter Schwarz of Hawk Lincoln Mercury.

Other members of the Board of Directors for 2003 will be Brian Anderson, Hilton Oak Lawn; Jay Broutman, Broutman Insurance; Dr. Sandra Bury, Complete Vision Care; Joann Busenbark, Busenbark Insurance; George Cacharis, Southwest Physical Therapy; Nicole [illegible], Oak Lawn [illegible]; [illegible] Illinois Sunday Sunbury; Dr. David [illegible], Oak Lawn Foot & Ankle; Diane [illegible]; [illegible] Kuenster, Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home; Irene Lovitt, Blake Financial; Helen [illegible], Allegra Print & Imaging; Rhonda [illegible], Minor Care East; Noreen [illegible], Fifth-Third Bank; Dave Milanovich, La Salle Financial Services; Gene Mondello, Gene's Decorating; Linda Olsen, Oak Lawn Public Library; Susan Peppas, Bridgeview Health Care Center; Dan Perrino, D & D Printing; Christine Sheets, Mary Kay Cosmetics; Dave Shook, First American Bank; Mark Wojack, Oak Lawn Bank; and Ted Young, Circle Creations.

For more information or to reserve tickets for the dinner, please call the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce at (708) 424-8300.

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Meeting Announcement

The St. Rita Mothers' Club Meeting will be held on Monday, January 13, 2003, hosted by Paula Hutchinson.

"MOM'S NIGHT OUT/PIZZA"

Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

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Money for state

Illinois is among 19 states that will receive money from a settlement with a national pharmacy chain for alleged deceptive billing practices, Attorney General Jim Ryan announced today.

Illinois' share of the $1.1 settlement with CVS Pharmacies is $82,525. A portion of the proceeds will go to the East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging that funds 12 area agencies to support education, advocacy, counseling services and direct assistance to elderly persons in purchasing prescription drugs.

Illinois participated in a multi-state probe into the chain's alleged practice of initially charging consumers the full amount for prescriptions not completely filled due to a lack of inventory. CVS left the excess payment when customers would forget or not return to pick up the balance of the prescription, according to the states.

"This ensures that consumers will get what they pay for," said Ryan. "The settlement also serves as a reminder to consumers to follow-through and pick up all medications prescribed to them," Ryan continued.

Ryan noted that CVS cooperated with Illinois in its investigation. The settlement requires CVS to implement pharmacy billing procedures designed to prevent customers from being billed for medication until the entire account prescribed has been dispensed and to ensure compliance with Illinois' consumer protection laws.

Voter registration

Jayne Powers, Oak Lawn Village Clerk, reminds Oak Lawn residents that the last day to register to vote in the April 1, 2003 election is Tuesday, March 4th at 5:00 p.m. The Clerk's Office is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you have moved, changed your name or will be 18 on or before April 1, 2003, you may register to vote. The Clerk's Office is located on the 2nd floor of the Oak Lawn Municipal Center, 9446 S. Raymond Avenue. There is an elevator in the center of the lobby.

For more information call the Clerk's Office at (708) 499-7738.

Phoenix Group has speaker

The St. Fabian Phoenix Group would like to invite everyone to their speaker night on Thursday, February 13, 2003. The speaker will be Michael Azzaline and he will speak on "Coping with Depression." Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will start at 8:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in the Parish Social Center, 7450 W. 83rd Street, Bridgeview.

Further information can be obtained by calling Tom and Marianne (708) 499-5377.

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UIC students take fresh approach to discover new products

Three colleges at the University of Illinois of Chicago and a major corporation have teamed up to teach a group of UIC students what it takes to bring the latest product to market under a new course designed to give them real-world experiences in new-product development.

Like students in traditional design or management classes, the 34 graduate and undergraduates students enrolled in UIC's Interdisciplinary Product Development course started training last semester by immersing themselves in the complexities of the increasingly competitive new product development process.

But instead of relying on lectures and textbooks, they're learning from experienced executives under a joint project with the Whirlpool Corporation. The two-semester course was designed and is co-taught by UIC professors in industrial design, marketing and mechanical engineering.

"This course teaches current best practices of true integration of all disciplines from the very earliest stages of product development," said Michael Scott, an assistant professor of mechanical and industrial engineering at UIC.

The course format is simple: five student teams work closely with each other on real-life product ideas with seven Whirlpool representatives who serve as mentors and advisers and ultimately "clients" for new-product pitches at the course's end.

Throughout the course, each team researches, designs, develops, engineers, creates a prototype, and writes a business plan for a new-product launch. The new product ideas come from areas of research Whirlpool is investigating on its own.

"I asked Whirlpool to pick a topic from their own top 10 list of areas they are most likely to research in the future," said Stephen Melamed, adjunct assistant professor in industrial design in the UIC School of Art and Design. "It is having this actual domain or area of research to work on that anchors this course in real-life application."

As part of the course, the students make three trips to Whirlpool's Benton Harbor, Michigan headquarters. The first trip took place last fall. Whirlpool later visited UIC to observe the students' first team presentations.

The idea behind the course is to blend theory with hands-on expertise in the marketplace. "This experience allows Whirlpool to view the product development process in a lab-type setting where they may find ways to refine their current system," said Albert Page, UIC professor of marketing.

Jacqui Winship, lead innovation consultant at Whirlpool, said the course has been designed to "reflect Whirlpool's approach to developing unique and innovative products and solutions for customers worldwide."

With the first team presentations completed, the students are now working towards refining their projects and moving into the design phase. For more information about UIC, visit http://www.uic.edu.

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From left: Freshman Kyle Gordon; Sophomore Wade Weyer; Br. Jack Hibbard, OSA, Activities Director; Senior Nelson Robinson; Junior Jason Samansky.

St. Rita names December Mustangs of the Month

St. Rita of Cascia High School bestows the Mustang of the Month Award every month during the school year to a notable student from each class. Teachers nominate students based on the student's overall involvement in the school. The award winners are then selected from those nominated by an award committee. The following students have been selected the December, 2002 Mustangs of the Month:

Senior Nelson Robinson (Chicago-Beverly) is a graduate of St. Walter Grade School and is a member of Salem Baptist Church of Chicago. He is currently on the Silver Honor Roll with a 3.80 cumulative GPA. Nelson is a member of the varsity basketball team and is an Eagle Scout. In his spare time, Nelson volunteers at the Jack and Jill Community Organization and is part of the media ministry for Salem Baptist Church of Chicago.

Junior Jason Samansky (Oak Lawn) is a graduate of Gunsaulus Academy and is a member of St. Catherine Parish. Jason is currently sergeant-at-arms for his junior class, is a member of the varsity baseball team, and is a Augustinian Peer Minister. In his spare time, Jason coaches baseball for the Brighton Park/Kelly Baseball Program.

Sophomore Wade Weyer (Chicago-Wrightwood) is a graduate of St. Denis Grade School and is a member of St. Denis Paris. He currently is on the Silver Honor Roll with a 3.67 cumulative GPA. Wade was a member of this year's varsity football team and is currently involved in the Weightlifting Club. He plans to be a member of the track team in the spring.

Freshman Kyle Gordon (Chicago-Mt. Greenwood) is a graduate of Queen of Martyrs Grade School and is a member of that parish. He currently is on the Gold Honor Roll with a 4.5 cumulative GPA and is a member of the Scholastic Bowl Team. Kyle is president of his freshman class, is an altar server for St. Rita Masses, is a member of St. Rita's SADD chapter, and was a member of this year's freshman football team. In his spare time, Kyle swims with handicapped children and helps coach his mom's volleyball team.

The above named students were announced at an all-school Mass on December 12th.

True to Form Book Review

Denise Riley Philpot will eview and discuss the novel. *True to Form* by Elizabeth Berg at the Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy, on Wednesday, January 29, at 7:00 p.m. *True to Form* is a warm and engaging story of thirteen year old Katie Nash during a summer of discovery and self definition in 1961. The material is suitable for high school age and up. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk.

Antique & collectible show

The Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 South Cicero Avenue, Oak Lawn, will host an Antique & Collectible show on Sunday, February 9, 2003. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Some of the items featured will be antique furniture, dolls, glass, vintage linens, china, crystal, books, jewelry and figurines. Collectibles include Disney, Barbie, Hallmark, Beanie Babies, Enesco and many more. There will be over 50 Dealers.

Admission charge $1.00, children under 10 free. No strollers please.

Whitney's Restaurant offers a Breakfast Buffet from 7:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. For more information call (708) 229-8850.

Chicago Flower & Garden Show

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a day trip to the Chicago Flower & Garden Show on Wednesday, March 12. An in-person registration is set for 9-11 a.m. Saturday, February 8 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St.

Explore 25 gardens featuring flora from all over the world at Chicago's Navy Pier. This year's theme is "Theatre in the Garden." Lunch will be on your own. The bus departs at 9:30 a.m. and returns at 3:30 p.m. The cost is $16 for Friends members and $21 for nonmembers.

After the in-person registration closes, you may call the library for information on how to purchase the tickets, 708-422-4990.

Oak Lawn Garden Club

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its' January meeting on Thursday, January 23rd at 4625 W. 110th St. at 9:15 a.m. Members will design and make book marks, using pressed flowers from their gardens. Roberta Janet will present the program.

Hostesses will be: Marge Clinkman, Marge Repp, and Beverly Ring.

Residents of surrounding communities are welcome to attend the meeting as guests.

For further information call (708) 424-2826.

Lisa Madigan takes oath

Lisa Madigan took the oath of office to become the first female Attorney General in Illinois history. Madigan was sworn into office by Honorable Mary Ann McMorrow, the first female Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Illinois.

Madigan brings experience as a legislator, litigator, community advocate and teacher to the office. She attended Georgetown University, graduating in 1988. While in school, she worked in the office of U.S. Sen. Paul Simon (D-IL), and after graduating, she volunteered in KwaZulu, South Africa, teaching high school during 1980's apartheid.

Returning to Chicago, Madigan worked at Wright College where she partnered with police in the Austin Community to develop an innovative program to keep kids away from drugs and gangs. At Wright, she was named an Assistant Dean for Adult Continuing Education, and while continuing to work, she attended Loyola University Law School.

After Law school, Madigan worked as a litigator for the Chicago law firm of Sachnoff & Weaver, Ltd. She currently serves as a member of the board of Governors of Loyola Law School.

In 1998 she was elected to the Illinois Senate were she served from Dec. 1998 to January of this year.

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Snow Giants invade Lake Geneva

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The three-ton, 10-foot high sculptures that adorn the lakefront are the most notable features of the Lake Geneva Area Convention & Visitors Bureau's Winterfest, a celebration of family and fun along the banks of Geneva Lake. In addition to the snow sculpting competition, the town hosts a variety of events including a meltdown sale sponsored by local merchants. But the centerpiece of Winterfest is the snow sculpting competition that attracts 15, three-member teams from as far away as Alaska to compete for the national title.

"It's extraordinary to see how a block of snow can be transformed into an intricate, almost delicate looking figure that appears to have been crafted from a mold," said George F. Hennerley, executive vice president of the Lake Geneva Area Convention & Visitors Bureaus. "I'm always amazed at what the teams are able to accomplish, as well as their dedication and creativity to their craft." According to Hennerley, many of the participants are professionals who normally work in the mediums of bronze and wood.

In the 2002 competition, the team traveling the farthest took home the prestigious title of National Champion. Team Alaska, whose sculpture was highlighted by a 10-foot-tall polar bear, won the title for their work entitled "Tirraq Shangiron."

"We're honored and delighted to host a national competition of this caliber in our community," added Hennerley. "Lake Geneva and the historic Riviera Ballroom serve as the perfect backdrop for this exciting winter competition for both participants and visitors alike. Plus, Lake Geneva's outstanding hotels, quaint shops and award winning dining make for an ideal weekend getaway." Approximately 60,000 people visited Lake Geneva to see the 2002 snow sculpting competition and to enjoy Winterfest activities.

In conjunction with Winterfest, the Grand Geneva Resort & Spa will be holding a Winter Carnival on Saturday, Feb 1. A full day of fun-filled activities are planned for children and adults including demonstrations by the ski patrol, a snowboard halfpipe competition, "silly slalom" competitions for all age groups, a three-legged race, a treasure hunt and slalom races for skiers and snowboarders. The Grand Geneva's Winter Carnival will be capped off with a torch light parade and fireworks beginning at 8 p.m.

The Lake Geneva area is located just 90 minutes from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and 45 minutes from General Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee. For a complimentary guide of area activities and accommodations, contact the Lake Geneva Convention & Visitors Bureau at (800) 345-1020 or visit its web site at www.lakegenevawi.com.

IRS details free file initiative

The Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service, and Office of Management and Budget launched a new Web site that will allow more taxpayers to prepare and file their taxes on line for free. All Illinois individual taxpayers should be eligible to use this service through the IRS Web site at www. irsgov or through www.firstgov.gov.

This means that nearly 5.8 million Federal tax return from Illinois will be eligible for free online preparation and free electronic filing through a partnership agreement between the Internal Revenue Service and the Free File Alliance, LLC, a private-sector consortium of tax software companies.

Illinois is one of six states in which free file is offered to all taxpayers. The other states are Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, New York and Wisconsin. In the remaining states, more than 60 percent of taxpayers will be eligible for Free File.

Each Free File Alliance member set taxpayer eligibility requirements for its program. Requirements will differ from company to company. Generally, eligibility to file a Form 1040EZ or claim the Earned Income Tax Credit.

"IRS Free File puts e-file within reach of more taxpayers than ever," said Sue Hales, IRS spokesperson for Illinois. "They'll soon discover what the 47 million taxpayers who e-filed last year already know—that e-file is quicker, more accurate, and the best way to confirm the IRS received your tax return. It's also the fastest way to get your refund."

Hales said that 36 percent of Illinois taxpayers e-filed their tax returns last year. "Each year, fewer people use the paper-file method and turn to their computers to file their taxes. Now there will be an added incentive for people to try e-file. They will be able to reap all the benefits for e-file for free," said Hales.

On the Free File Web page at www.irs.gov, taxpayers can read all about Free File and Browse the complete listing of Alliance member and their services. Each Alliance member will identify their company name and will have a simple description of the criteria for using their free service. In addition, each Alliance member's company or product name will be linked to additional information about the company and services. Not all taxpayers will be eligible for these free services.

When they are ready to file their return, taxpayers have two options for determining their eligibility for free services. They can use an intuitive "questionnaire" application—the Free File Wizard- to help they identify he free services for which they may qualify. Or, they can choose from the list of members and check their eligibility.

After determining eligibility, the taxpayer can link directly to that Alliance member's free service by clicking on the Alliance member's "Start Now" link. Then taxpayers will be notified they are leaving the IRS Web site and are entering an Alliance member's Web site.

At the Alliance member's Web site, taxpayers can prepare their tax returns using the member's online proprietary software. Completed tax returns will be sent electronically from the Alliance member to the IRS through an existing e-file system using secure telephone lines. Taxpayers will receive an acknowledgment, via an e-mail from the Alliance member, that the IRS received (or rejected) their return.

"Taxpayers generally will receive their refund within 10 days if they e-filed their return and had their refund directly deposited into their bank account," said Hales. "Refunds from mailed paper returns can take up to six weeks."

The Alliance member's online preparation and filing services are being provided to eligible taxpayers at no charge. Taxpayers are under no obligation to purchase any products such as Refund Loans.

The IRS neither supports nor endorses any individual Free File Alliance company or product. As part of the agreement, the IRS provides a listing of Alliance members on the Free File Web page. Free File Alliance members must comply with all federal laws protecting taxpayer information.

Protect home buyers

In an effort to inform and protect consumers, the Appraisal Standards Board (ASB) of the Appraisal foundation met June 11, 2002 and approved various changes to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP). These changes went into effect January 1, 2003.

Included in these modifications is a requirement to protect buyers from purchasing homes from unscrupulous investors. Some of these investors purchase poorly maintained homes at low prices and then, after making only marginal insignificant repairs, resell these properties at substantially higher values than the market justifies.

This new revision requires appraisers: "to analyze prior sales of the subject property within the past three years for all property types (including one to four family dwellings), if such information is available to the appraiser in the normal course of business."

It sold also be noted that governmental legislation aimed at preventing this problem from occurring may soon be enacted!

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Caribou Winter Carnival

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Scheduled from Feb.13 through Feb. 23, the carnival had its beginnings in the 1940s with an annual ice sculpting contest in Caribou. "The participants used to go right down to the river, cut out a chunk of ice, haul it to high ground and start carving," said Pam Wyman, projects coordinator for the Caribou Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Things aren't quite that way today, but the atmosphere of fun, spirited competition and outdoor frivolity is still in there.

"This is an outdoor area", Wyman said, "and we love to show off the things there are to do in the out-of-doors."

Of course, the winter carnival is not all about snow and ice, it's also about good food, great snowmobile poker runs, dog sled races, concerts, and a hole-in-one golf competition that offers more than $5,000 in prizes during Family Fun Day on Feb. 15.

"Family Fun Day is great because everything but the food and entry fee for the hole-in-one competition is free," Wyman said. "It's really a day for the entire family and it seems like there's something going on all day long."

For kicks, the Caribou carnival offers downhill canoe rides the Wyman said has everyone "screaming for joy." A long, narrow trench is dug on a very steep hill and a 20-foot canoe is crammed full of happy revelers. It's then pushed down the hill while everyone gets the ride of his or her life.

Of course, there is plenty of ice-skating on local ponds, bingo for adults and children, cribbage tournaments, an arm-wrestling contest, cross-country ski races and instructions and the Snow Goddess Poker Run that ends on the final day of the carnival.

"Last year, first prize for the run was $1,000," Wyman said. "It's a great competition that actually begins on Feb. 1. The run takes participants all over the place and the checkpoints are usually great restaurants, stores or places people want to visit."

Wyman added that families come back year after year to take part in the festivities. "Everyone has a wonderful time during the winter carnival," Wyman said.

For more information on the Caribou Winter Carnival, contact Pam Wyman, projects coordinator, Caribou Chamber of Commerce & Industry at (207) 498-6156, or toll free at (800) 722-7648. You may also use E-mail: pwyman@cariboumain.net or visit www.caiboumaine.net.

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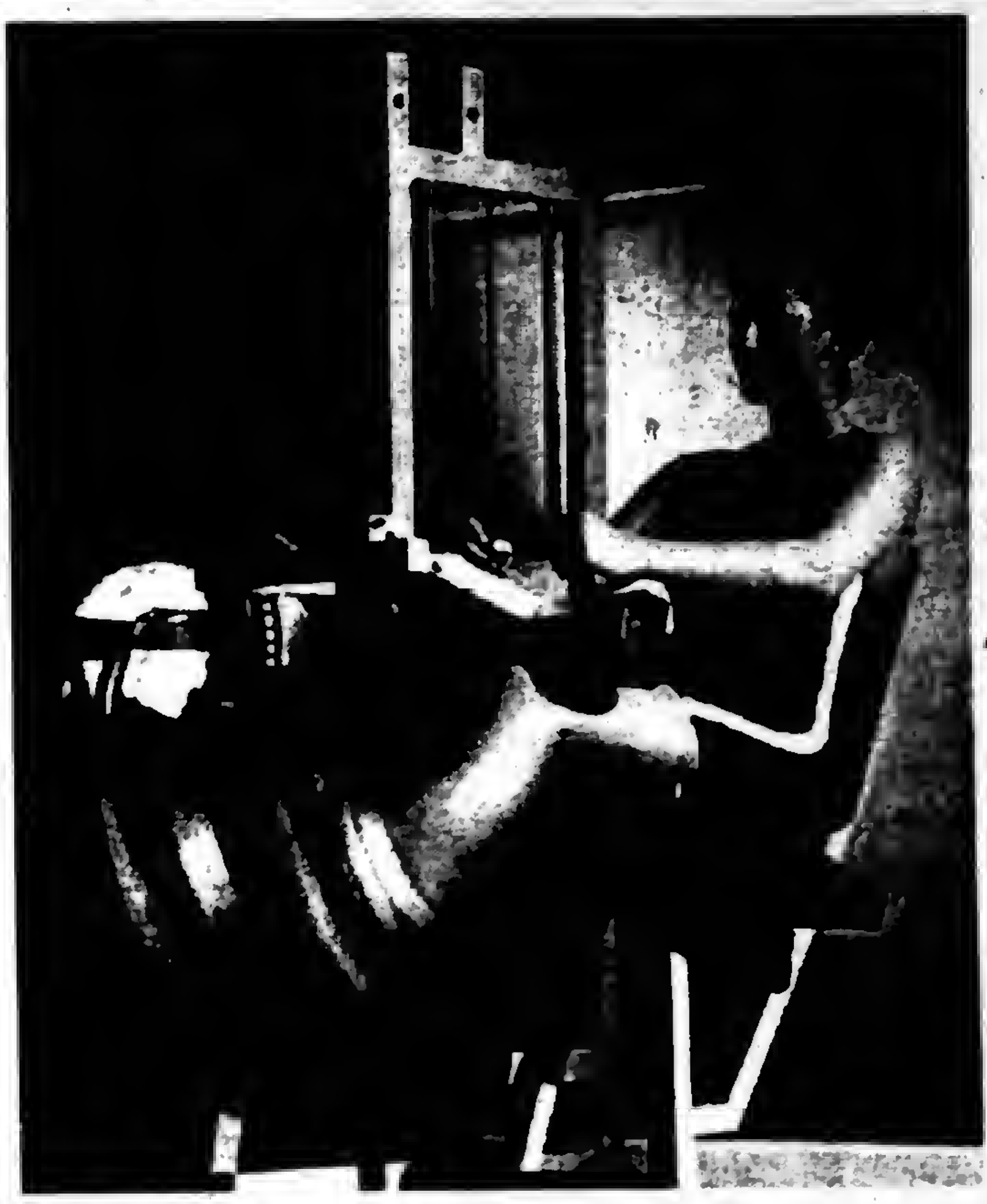

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For tickets call the Chicago Box offices (22 W. Monroe St. at 312-902-1400.

Transition seminar

The Village of Orland Park Mayor's Office of Special Services will sponsor TRANSITION, a presentation to parents of children with a developmental disability to begin the planning process for Life After High School.

TRANSITION will be presented by Suburban Access on Thursday, January 23, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14350 South Ravinia Avenue.

The seminar is open to all area parents of children with developmental disabilities. There also will be a question and answer session following the presentation.

For more information please call Cathy Zuro at (708) 403-6188.

Crotty ends 3rd term as State Representative and takes over as Senator

She may be changing titles, serving over 100,000 more constituents, and moving her Springfield office to the State Capitol, but former State Representative Maggie Crotty is determined to keep her common serise approach to lawmaking. Crotty, who was elected to the Illinois Senate in November of 2002, earned the official rank of State Senator today after taking the oath of office in a ceremony inaugurating all 59 members to Illinois' 93rd General Assembly session.

Though Crotty is not new to the legislative process, she is one of 17 new members of the state's higher chamber. Crotty, who was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1996, now joins a team of 33 Democrats, the party that controld the flow of business in the Senate for the first time in 10 years. Additionally, Crotty and her new Democratic colleagues in the Illinois Senate share the distinction of being the only legislative chamber in the country to switch from Republican control to Democratic control during the 2002 election cycle.

"I'm energized and ready to get down to business," Crotty said. "There are a lot of challenges ahead of the state and Senate Democrats will undoubtedly have their work cut out for them. I hope my experiences in the legislature can be useful now and in the years to come."

As a member of the Illinois House, Crotty fought tirelessly to pass the Senior Citizen Prescription Drug Discount Art, a measure that could create significant cost reductions in prescription medications for all Illinois seniors. The legislation was sent to the Republican controlled Senate three times, but was killed in committee action. With Democrats in control, Crotty says she plans to bring the legislation to a vote on the Senate floor.

"Discounts on prescription drug costs has been one of my most important, certainly my most personal, of issues," Crotty said. I think that significant strides will be made to get this project completed during this session. That will be a great day."

Crotty also cast her vote in support of long time state lawmaker Emil Jones, Jr., helping him change his title from Senate Democratic Leader to State Senate President. Jones, whose district is located directly north of Crotty's 19th Legislative District, is currently the only African American Senate President in the United States. And, due to legislative redistricting finalized last year, Jones now represents constituents that Crotty had represented for more than six years.

"Over the last serveral years, President Jones and I have worked well together," Crotty said. "Lately, we've worked with each other to get acquainted with our new districts. He's very thoughtful about the issues that I think are top priorities for Illinois and the south suburbs - education, affordable health care and prescription drugs as well as community and economic revitalization. The process is never smooth sailing, but with President Jones at the helm, I'm confident that we'll accomplish some terrific victories for our region and the entire state."

Senator Crotty's term will expire in January 2007.

Orland Park student takes seat on Moraine Valley Board of Trustees

Shannon Ashely, a sophomore from Orland Park (right), takes the oath of office from John J. Daley, secretary of Moraine Valley's Board of Trustees, while Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, college president, looks on. Ashley, a 1996 graduate of Marist High School, was sworn in December 18 at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. He will complete the remaining four months of the 2002-2003 student trustee term.

Donate your old Computer for a Good Cause

Mayor Dan McLaughlin announced that the Village of Orland Park will be accepting old computers to be donated to the Jim Mullen Foundation. The Jim Mullen Foundation volunteers load a new Microsoft operation system. Office software and Internet connectivity software on donated computers. Each computer is given away free to an individual or organization to serve people who have a disability. Computers have been set up in schools, churches, hospitals, boys homes, battered women's shelters, YMCAs, public housing complexes and nonprofit organization.

Now instead of wondering what to do with the old computer and equipment you no longer use and just take up space. Drop-off your old computer on Saturday, February 1, 2003 at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Mullen Foundation will accept Pentium computers with a CD-Rom drive. Also needed are monitors, power cords, mice, keyboards and network hubs. Please do not bring printers or any Apple computers. And, be sure to delete all of your old files and information before you drop off your computer.

Your donation will help provide new freedoms for people who have a disability. For more information, please call (708) 403-6145.

Mothers meeting on Coping with Stress

St. Michael Parish at 14327 Highland Avenue, Orland Park, IL will be hosting a "Coping with Stress" program for Working Mothers. The program will be hosted by St. Michael Elizabeth Ministry with famed speaker Katherine "Kay" Bracco. She will be speaking on how to cope with the busy schedules of working moms, juggling the demands of work, taking care of the home and finding quality time with your family.

This program will be on Wednesday, January 22, 2003 in the Parish Commons at 7:15 p.m.

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Palos Heights City Council meeting

by Carlene O'Connor

The Palos Heights City Council approved the sale of 5 million in bonds to pay for the doubling of the size of the public library at their meeting January 7. It was voted in by residents in November.

The cost to residents according to Speers Financial is about $57.24 for every 50,000 of equalized assessed valuation.

The expanded library will benefit everyone who uses it.

The council approved a referendum for a tax hike. It would bring another $750,000 to the city if approved by voters. Alderman Jack Clifford (2nd ward) said, "I think the city has to do a better job of getting information into people's hand. Voters should know how much their tax bills would increase for each $100 assessed valuation". Mayor Straz added that we needed to restore the financial stability of the city. "We need this referendum."

The budget for the year 2003 was discussed at the meeting. City Administrator Bruce Trejo told the council that there is no money to pay for some items in the five year plan. These things are roof repairs, upgrades for outdated computers and improvements to Lake Katherine. He also questioned raising building fees 50% higher. He feels it will drive contractors away.

Another source he questioned was Drug Forfeiture Funds. Trejo said that it was losing money.

City Treasurer Frank Oswald said from $700,000. it has fallen to $400,000 and then to $150,000 last year.

Trejo said that there was risk to any budget and they should look at it as a whole and refer it back to committee.

The budget will be discussed again January 14 at 7p.m. at City Hall.

Beverly De Vries of the Mc Intosh subdivision and her neighbors were asked to make an address change and come into Palos Heights. Before this they were using an Orland Park address and Palos Heights services.

Winterfest at Lake Katherine will be January 25.

Alderman Dornick brought up the idea of a Riverboat Casino. Anyone with an opinion please contact him at City Hall.

All are welcome at Trinity Christian College January 20 for a presentation on Business Economic Development. Any questions about the presentation please contact City Hall.

The next meeting of the City Council will be January 21.

Green Hills library presents programs

RESUMES

Are you looking for a job or do you need to update your resume? If so, come to this resume seminar January 29, at 6:30 p.m. Using your own information, you will be able to write an award-winning resume. The library is located at 8611 W. 103rd St. in Palos Hills.

REGISTER TO VOTE

The last day to register to vote before the April 1, 2003 election is March 4, 2003. You can register at the Green Hills Public Library. Stop by the Reference Department the next time you are in picking up a book or movie. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd St. in Palos Hills.

Home rule subject to voters

by Carlene E. O'Connor

At the Palos Hills city council meeting of January 16, an ordinance was passed making us a home rule unit subject to the voter.

All aldermen voted in favor except for Alderman Stratton who abstained. She said, "Leave the decision in the hand of the residents." Home rule give greater taxing powers including the ability to increase sales taxes.

In a newsletter to the city Mary Bennett stated, I express great concern over the national economy and the state of Illinois. This spring the state of Illinois, with its four billion dollars deficit, may turn on local cities and villages to balance their budget. I am presently working with the city council in an attempt to protect the future of Palos Hills from state mandated laws and reductions in state sharing to the city.

In an attempt to protect our city, I am working with the city council on proposing a referendum for this year's April Municipal elections. I would ask the voters of Palos Hills to allow our city to become a Home Rule Community.

To give residents a better idea of what they are voting on and a chance to ask questions there will be an informative meeting chaired by Mayor Bennett at the community center. For more information call the city hall at 598-3400.

Mayor Bennett told residents at the meeting that property taxes have been low in our community and will stay that way. He said, "If you look at your tax bill, only 6% goes to the city of Palos Hills, while the remainder goes to other agencies." He stated, "If home Rule is passed, I will freeze the property tax levy for four years."

Home Rule status is automatic for municipalities with populations over 25,000. In the city of Palos Hills it has to be voted on.

In the April consolidated election Incumbent Pauline Stratton (2nd Ward) is up for election. She has a challenger Deanna Sarcicomi.

The four other incumbents have filed. They are Martin Kleefisch (1st Ward), Andrew Cimarik (3rd Ward), Joel Tomas (4th Ward), and Frank Williams (5th Ward).

Primary election in Palos is cancelled

by Carlene E. O'Connor

At the Palos Park meeting of January 13, 2002, the village council unanimously voted to elect Dan Freer to the Palos Park Plan Commission to fill the vacancy left by the expiration of David Kibert's term.

The primary election has been cancelled because Freer dropped out. The number of candidates for the four positions of village commissioner is down to eight.

Commissioner Mancyn in his report said 30 additional spaces are available at a low cost to the village at the old Johnson Lumber Company. This gives more parking for the adjacent Metra commuter station off of 123rd street.

Commissioner Baca made a request to grant funds in the amount of $29,399 for the purchase of e-mail server, file server, and equipment for police department, which was approved.

Mayor Moran appointed Richard Halpin and Janet O'Brien to the Police Pension Board.

An ordinance authorizing, a release of temporary authorizing, a release of temporary easement and a clarification of consideration for permanent easement 12527 Iroquois Rd. was approved.

The warrant dated January 13, 2003 in the amount of $816,406.27 was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

All zoning board of appeals recommendations were granted. 1. Mr. and Ms. O'Malley, 12503 S. 90th Ave. requesting a corner side yard variance of 30.6% or 15.3 feet, from the required 50 feet to the proposed 34.7 feet, in order to demolish and build a new single family residence. 2. Ms. Diana Swider, 12751 S. 100th Ave. requesting a south side yard variance of 30.5% or 6.1 feet, from the required 20 feet to the requested 13.9 feet in order to demolish and build a new single family residence at 12510 S. 80th Ave 3. Mr. and Ms. David Butler, 11759 S. 85th Ave., requesting a lot coverage variance of 8.9% or 664.7 sq. feet from the required 7,553.3 sq. feet to the proposed 8,218 sq. ft., an east side yard variance of 29.1% or 8.67 feet from the required 29.77 feet to the required 50 feet to the requested 34.1 feet in order to build an addition to the single family residence.

Before the meeting adjourned, Mayor Moran stated some concern over giving of variances. She said she wants the council to be careful so Palos Park remains open lands. The next meeting will be Monday, January 27th at the village hall.

Super Bowl Party

McDonald Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 177, 10537 S. Ridgeland Av., Chicago Ridge, IL., will be hosting a "Super Bowl Party" Sunday, January 26, 2003, starting at 5:00 p.m., food, refreshments, and raffles will be available. Information is available at 1-708-636-3220. We welcome all resident and friends to attend this event. We will be watching for you.

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Oak Lawn employees recognized for length of service

by Matt Mayer

The January 28th Oak Lawn board meeting commenced with the approval of regular meeting minutes of January 14, 2002. Gail Weisberg of the Cook County Clerk's office gave a demonstration of electronic ballot counter being used in Cook County elections. All the candidate positions have been filed under the Oak Lawn Leadership Coalition are: Jerry Hurckes (trustee District 1), Marjorie Ann Joy (trustee District 5), Steven V. Leakomis (trustee District 3).

Independent candidates are: Incumbent, Robert J. Streit (trustee District 3), Donald M. Biernacki (trustee District 3), Lou Novinson, (trustee District 3).

Library Board of trustee candidates are: Michael Sotho, Robert E. Hamlinz, Beverly Ring, Ahmad M. Hassan, and Suzanne Marzano. A bright point of the meeting was trustee William Keane's announcement of the birth of his fifth grandchild, Courtney Elizabeth Keane, earlier that day.

A lottery was held for the District 3 ballot position. Since Steven V. Leakomis is running under a party ticket, the Oak Lawn Leadership Coalition, he automatically received the number one ballot position. Independent candidate, Incumbent Robert J. Streit will have the number 2 position for (District 3 trustee) followed by Donald M. Biernacki, and Louis Novinson.

A service awards ceremony took place to recognize long term employees. A photo was taken with Mayor Ernest Kolb as he presented each employee with their service award. Awards for 35 years went to Robert Foster of the Police Department and Daniel Paprzyca of the Public Works Department. Award for 30 years went to Donald Willman of the Police Department and Thomas Carey of the Fire Department. Awards for 25 years went to Lawrence O'Brien, Frank Raglione, Keith Raspovich and Dennis Kitching of the Police Department.

Awards for 20 years went to Brian Duffy and William D'Amato of the Police Department. Awards for 15 years went to Michael Murray, James Pacotti and Daniel Foley of the Police Department. Edward Folliard, Norman Rick, Scott Allen, Richard Kirkpatrick, Michael Orrico, Michael Schomer, Marie Casper and Christine Trepanning of the Fire Department. Thomas Visser and Daniel Watkins (of the Public Works Department). Those receiving 10 year awards were Paul Hendry, Brian Treman and Spero Meklis of the Fire Department. Also receiving 10 year awards were Jacques Lopez, Christopher Oswaler and Joseph Ritter of the Public Works Department.

Trustee Jerry Hurckes presented awards to each of the winners of the District 1 home holiday decorating contest. the awards went to E. Chereepa, 8912 Natoma, Bill Williams of 9100 Melvina, Alvin Kasper of 9528 Moody, Matt Blier of 8812 Austin, and Frank Kamm of 7051 Avon. Along with the awards, Jerry Hurckes also presented $20 American Sales gift certificated to each winner so they could purchase more lights for next year.

The board approved an ordinance vacating an east/west bounded by 89th Street, 88th Place, and Menard and Major Avenue.

A request to waive the bidding procedure and purchase a new digital copier for machine from Lanier who submitted the lowest proposal in the amount of $7,167.65 for the Fire Department was approved. The board also approved a request to waive the building procedures, to purchase two 2003 4 x 4 Ford F-250 pick up trucks, with plows, from Hawkinson Ford for $27,910 each. This year the state contract for Fleet Purchases is for Dodge vehicles and purchased through Thomas Dodge of Orland Park. The fleet manager at Thomas Dodge gave the village a quote of $28,557 each. The waiving of the bidding process resulted in a $1,314 cost savings to the village.

An ordinance amending Title 10, Chapter 3, Article B of the village code in reference to animal control was presented. This amendment gives specific definitions of what is defined as a vicious dog and what is defined as dangerous dog. Also, the amendment calls for intervention by the Village Adjudicator, which should allow for a speedier resolution to a complaint. Prior to this, complaints had to go directly to Circuit court. The board approved the amendment, effective immediately.

The board approved a parking variation at 9608 Southwest Hwy. as well as request to increase the class F (beer and wine) liquor licenses to 4 for the new Portillo's Hot Dogs, Inc. at 4940 West 95th St.

The board approved an ordinance amending vehicular regulations in regard to fine payments. Also a request to replace a probationary employee in the Department of Public Works, Water Division was approved.

An ordinance amending the village code in regards to obtaining access to village public records was approved.

The board adjourned to executive session for discussion of a real estate acquisition. After resuming the regular session, the board approved a resolution approving a real estate sales contract at 8731-8739 W. 87th St.

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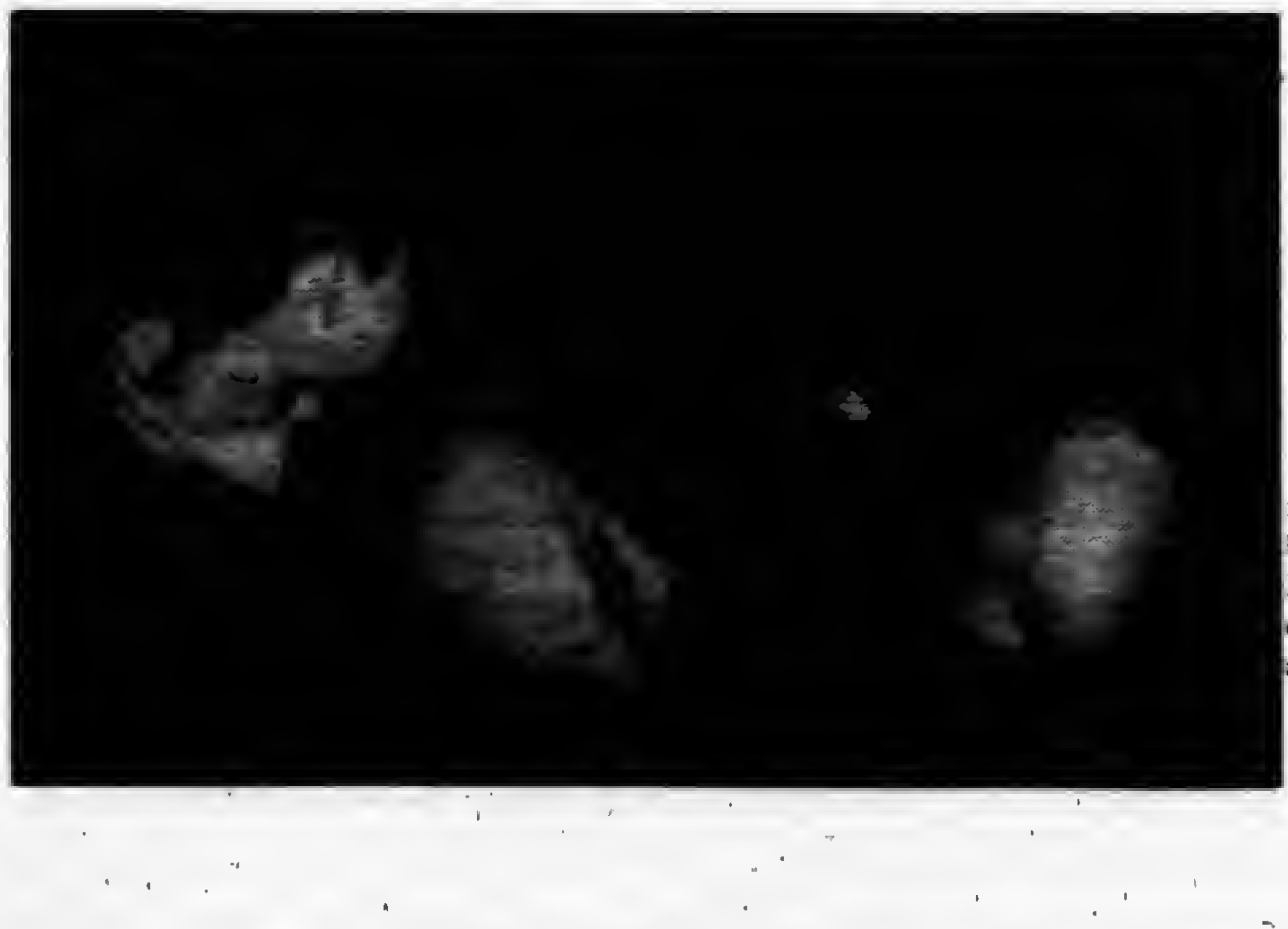
Dan Schramm files candidacy

On Monday, January 13th, Dan Schramm of Hickory Hills filed his "independent" petitions for Treasurer of Hickory Hills for the April 1st city election. Dan Schramm is married with two sons and has lived in Hickory Hills for 25 years. Dan is Vice President & Treasurer with the Metro/Pembrook Companies, and has 30 years of business experience in finance, treasury, accounting and risk management.

Dan Schramm's campaign platform is as follows: Leadership and Direction. Economic Development Growth. Fiscal Responsibility to meet long-term goals. Pursue all State/Federal Funding available to Hickory Hills. Provide Quality Services and Public Safety. Community Awareness of City Plans and City Finances. "Change Can Make A Difference".



ELS of St. Bernadette School continues to grow

Essential Learning Solutions, a statewide known learning program is designed to help individuals, whether it's an adult or child learning to improve their academic skills. It is being administered by Sister Mary Ventura at St. Bernadette School in Evergreen Park. Pictured is Sister showing two children the process of how to work individually on a computer with only limited amount of supervision, both Adam Goodman and Maria Curstan are students at St. Bernadette School.

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Cheerleaders Squad gained qualification status for State Competition after competing in the ICCA Regional at Oak Forest High School on Sunday, January 19, 2003. Being coached by Patty Geiman they took first place in the medium varsity division and will be competing at the state competition in Springfield on March 9th (sunday).

The Oak Lawn Community High School Varsity

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Register on Thursday, February 13th from 6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m. at the Hickory Hills Community Center, 7800 W. 89th Place. Payment can be made by cash, check or Visa/Mastercard to HHYB.

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MS Support seminars

The Oak Lawn Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Support Group offers monthly educational seminars at the Oak Lawn Park District's Oak View Center, located at 4625 W. 110th St.

On Wednesday, Feb.19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the group will welcome Maureen O'Malley, R.N., who will speak about the M.S. symptom of spasticity and its treatment with the medication, Baclofen.

Upcoming meeting speakers include the Progress Center for Independent Living (March 19), Dr. Ann Gunik, Psy. D. (April 16); Allen Shulman, Clinical Science Liaison (May 21); and FLOWS (June 18).

According to facilitator Mary Ellen Timmons, the meetings are casual and friendly, and light refreshments are provided. anyone affected by M.S., family members and friends are invited to attend the free monthly meetings.

For more information, please call Timmons at (708) 424-1087 or the Oak View Center at (708) 857-2200.

"Guys and Dolls"

The Beverly Hills University Club Scholarship Foundation will present "Guys and Dolls", the classic Damon Runyon musical fable of gamblers and their gals in 1950's New York City at the new, twelve million dollar Beverly Arts Center March 27-30.

Bob and Cindy St. Aubin are the executive producers. Bob and Christy Graham are the associate producers. Marjorie McCann and Tom Fagan are the business managers. Carrie Dane is the director/choreographer. Joe Collins is the assistant director.

A huge number of people auditioned and the sixty chosen are shown on the attached cast list. This is probably the most talented cast of any of our many shows. Enjoy this all-time favorite story as it evolves on the stage of the new Beverly Arts Center.

Tickets are available from the Beverly Arts Center 2407 West 111th Chicago (773) 445-3838. Non-ticket questions should be directed to Bob and Cindy St. Aubin (708) 371-6414.

The Beverly Hills University Club Scholarship Foundation has been awarding college scholarships to local high school students for 78 years. Last year the 1000th scholarship was presented. The total value over these many years, (in current dollars) exceeds $1,000,000.

Valentines Day Entertainment

Stickney Township Office on Aging will be hosting Phil Morreale at the Louis S. Viverito Senior Center, 7745 S. Leamington, Burbank. Mr. Morreale is a Stand-up comedian, song stylist, and Dean Martin sound-a-like. The entertainment will begin at Noon on Friday, February 14, 2003. Call (708) 636-8850 to sign up for lunch for February 14, 2003.

Letter to the Editor

I would like to bring people's attention to an incident I had at the local library (E.P.) where I have been a member for the most part of 30 years.

I contributed a book there about 10 years ago ("They Dare to Speak Out" by Paul Findley). It has since been taken off the shelf. I donated the same book to the Beverly Library, but it was taken and never returned. The head librarian there (now deceased Mrs. C.) thought the book so meritorious that she got three of these books to replace the one that was not returned.

Although ex-Congressman Findley's book may have offended some people, the book was on the Best Sellers list.

A book that I wanted to donate 15 months ago is entitled "Descent into Slavery?" by Des Griffin. Des Griffin is a Historian and a Biblical Scholar. Des Griffin's book is less antagonistic than Paul Findley's book. The library refused to put it on the shelf. Reason?

Marko Giannopulos,
Evergreen Park

Burbank classes offered

The Burbank Park District is offering a variety of dance classes for kids and adults. Kids can learn the hottest hip hop moves in our Hip Hop Dancing For Kids! We offer a large variety of classes for adults ranging from Hip Hop for adults to Country Western Line Dancing. We also offer an Adult Social where you can learn new moves for upcoming social events such as, weddings, birthdays, and other parties. You can also join in the fun and excitement of Latin Dancing, where you will learn how to Mambo, Cha Cha, Samba, Merengue, Rhumba, & Salsa. Register soon. These classes will be starting February 7th. Any questions please call (708) 599-2070.

Spend some time with your child while they learn arts, crafts, socialization, gym activities, and finger plays in Mom, Dad, & Me. This class starts the week of Feb. 2nd, so register soon.

Two for the price of one! Join our Parent & Child art class. Not only will you get to spend time with your child, but you will create your own masterpiece together! Register soon. This class is filling up fast.

Seniors Art at the Park! Learn how easy it is to paint landscape portraits with ease. Let your imagination take you away. This class will begin February 7th and end March 14th. It is open to all Seniors. Rates are $29/residents and $35/non-residents.

Oak Lawn garnishes two new businesses

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***Water Signs**: Why not try something really different this month? Find something that you really would like to do but haven't because you think it just "isn't you!" Go someplace interesting, a haunted town, do some research into the past, or go night clubbing, etc. You need some FUN in your life. Don't let life live you - live it! J and C involved and people born in Taurus and Libra or they are born on the 6th 15th or 24th of any sign. These folks can make you happier.

***Earth Signs**: You tend towards the serious side of life this month. You could be going over the figures in money matters, or making a new budget. You'll have plenty of time and energy to get many things done. Be a planner. Stick with the plan you make and all comes out well. F and R involved and people born in the signs of Aries, Scorpio or born on the 8th 17th and 26th of any month.

***Fire Signs**: This can be a money month. Pretend you have a dog named "money." Call that dog to you and every time you even think of the word "money" it comes to you. Wow! Why not try it? Okay, let's move into another area - health. Drink more water and try 1 oz. un-sweetened cranberry juice in 8 ounces of water for 3 days, watch the bloat go! An M will help, ask. Leo helps.

***Air Signs**: Protect your job, work at your career. This is one of those months when people can go behind your back to get at your job. Someone D or M could be a help or the enemy. You should also try to spend more time with friends, quality time, not passing the time. Talk. Be interesting. You have become somewhat boring to some, ask them, they'll tell you. Smile more!

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Mini-Sessions 6:30-8PM at **Oak Forest Bowl Feb 3rd & 17th** [1st & 3rd Mon each month] at 152nd & S. Cicero, & **Willoughby's Feb 5th & 19th** [1st & 3rd Wed each month] at 122nd & S. Harlem. Appts and walk-in's welcome. Call us at **708-597-5866 or 6721** for info/appt.

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183rd St. Corridor Plan

The Village of Tinley Park will host a public meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2003, to discuss key recommendations related to the ongoing development of the 183rd Street Corridor Plan. This plan is being developed jointly by the communities of Homewood, Hazel Crest, Country Club Hills, and Tinley Park to enhance the mix and quality of development within the corridor.

Consultants will be on hand to present market research and recommendations for future land use and redevelopment policy, management of development character, enhancement of community identities and cooperative marketing efforts.

The meeting will take place in the Kallsen Conference Center located at the Tinley Park Village Hall, 16250 South Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park, Illinois, at 7:00 p.m.

For more information visit the 183rd Street website at [illegible]

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Free Blood Pressure Screening

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership offers free Blood Pressure Screenings at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., on the second Wednesday of every month at 1-3 p.m. The next scheduled screening date is February 12.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Advocate Christ Medical Center. Their mission is to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses, schools and the community. The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

For additional information, call Peggy Daudell at Advocate Christ Medical Center, (708) 346-5289 or the library, (708) 422-4990.

Alzheimers Caregiver Support Meeting

If you or someone you love has Alzheimers disease, its natural to feel confused and alone at times, to help those who care for Alzheimers patients, the Greater Chicagoland Alzheimers Association provides a support group in Evergreen Par. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Evergreen Healthcare. For more information, call Sharon Lasher at (708) 636-9208

Friends of OL Library Discussion Group

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., in the lower level Conference Room.

Short story discussions are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet February 12 to discuss "The Fruit Cage" by Julian Barnes and March 12 for "The Trouble with Mrs. Blynn, The Trouble with the World" by Patricia Highsmith. Copies of these short stories may be picked up one month in advance at the Fiction Desk.

Book discussions are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet February 26 to discuss "Night by Elie Wiesel and March 26 for "Empress of the Splendid Season" by Oscar Hijuelos. Copies of these books may be checked out one month in advance at the Circulation Desk.

For additional information, call Beth Baird, book discussion chair, (708) 422-4933

Aglow holds meeting

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, February 13, 2003, at the White Rose Banquet Hall, (formerly Burbank Rose) 6501 West 79th Street, Burbank, IL.

Pastor Pamela Kaeys, will return as the speaker for February. She is married, has three grown married daughters and has been in the Christian Fellowship Church for about 20 years during which time her father was pastor. Since her father's death, her brother Ken Bonner Jr. (a former attorney), who is one of Aglow's advisors, became the new pastor. Pam and her brother have been co-pastors for over a year now.

At her ordination she received the words, "tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth".

Come hear Pam tell about the two "miracles" she has experienced with her husband and one of her daughters in the last two years, and how the Lord has worked in their lives.

Dinner tickets are $12.50, available at 6:30PM at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7:00PM. For reservations and/or additional information, please call Josephine at (773) 767-8031.

Aglow International is an inter-denominational organization of renewed Christian women, with over 2,600 fellowships which regularly hold meetings, retreats, and conferences on six continents. Aglow holds bible studies and publishes leadership training materials, books, and tracts, reaching out to women in prisons and hospitals, teenage girls, with intercessory prayer groups, and support groups.

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Left to right: Len Peterson, Brian Mitchell, Oak Lawn Lion's President Robyn Kane and Past President Frank Kane

Oak Lawn Richards Leo Club celebrates their 34th annual installation

by Annette Dixon

Oak Lawn Richards Leo advisor, Len Peterson said it so eloquently. "These kids are like my kids, I ask them only once and they listen. They listen because they have a heart, they want to help others, that is what the Leo Club is all about".

Brian Mitchell, a Richards senior became president of the Leo Club on January 27th, 2003. The Mitchell family is a great Leo supporter for Brian's sister Tracy was a president of the Leo Club in 1992-93. Brian expressed deep feelings about how his interest was in being a Boy Scout. After just becoming an Eagle scout, the Leo club was not his first priority. His interest was sparked when he saw all the work his fellow members were doing and the recent activity that took place around Christmas and in January. Brian stated, "he is sure of his office and decided to make this the best year ever along with his fellow officers: Michael Misale, Patrice Connely, Terry Erickson, and Leo members."

He has a great working board of directors: Freshman Representative Alison Wild, Sophomore Rep. Julie Schriebel, Junior Rep. Sarah Parks, and Senior Rep. Sarah Dennis. Tail Twister, Paisley Connors. When asking what a tail twister was, Connors stated, "it's her job to get people into shape. She said it is real hard to get focus and her job is to see that members stay focus and that the Leo Club's red wagon stays filled with food for the Worth Township Food Bank. She also helps out at meetings to keep the spirit up.

Mr. Craig Lanigan certainly should be credited for keeping up the spirit. This young gentleman is a pianist and volunteers his talents for the Leo Club. He plays at the Drake Hotel and many side jobs, but he also gives up his time for the Leo Club when they entertain the residents at Park Lawn and a nursing home. The saying is only ask a busy person to volunteer for Craig is also working full time at a crane company. He is the father of two children and a Notre Dame graduate, so we know he is a busy man. Craig stated, "he got involved when he hung around Len's house and knew he would not be able to say no, now is happy he can give of his time to the less fortunate.

Pictured at CarMax is Maria Green talking with Loop 97.9 Steve Seaver. He is on the air Mon. through Fri. 2:00 pm until 7 pm. Loop Radio was at the Grand opening on Sat. Feb. 1, 2003.

CarMax comes to Oak Lawn has grand opening

by Annette Dixon

On February 1, CarMax had their grand opening which was very impressive. Their facility is unlike any auto dealership. Instead of a show room where the sales staff traditionally sit and wait for customers to enter the doors, CarMax attendants instruct and help people on the computers or look for the ideal car they have in stock or elsewhere. They are the largest used car retailer and their desire is that one get immediate results.

Steve Seaver, announcer for Loop Radio, 97.9 had a great time at CarMax visiting for two hours with gifts and prizes. He spoke with Maria Green asking questions about her school. Maria attends Sward and is in the 5th grade; she was there with her mom, helping out the Children's Museum who had a display at CarMax. This 10 year old loves tennis and basketball but not too many enjoy singing as Maria does. She had solos in "Alice in Wonderland" and sang in "Cinderella" at Pilgrim Faith Church. Maria told Steve she listens to him after school sometimes. He certainly enjoyed that!

Men who Sing

Musichoral is desperately looking for men to sing with us. We are a 55 year old chorale which grew out of Lindblom in the 50s. We are well known in the Chicago area. We meet Tuesday nights at the Oak Lawn Community Church at 9000 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn at 7:30 p.m. We will welcome visitors with open arms and invite them for some trial practice sessions. For further info. please call Arlene at (708) 599-8647.

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McAuley's theatre Seminar II present "A Piece of My Heart"

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Demolition began last week on the two-level parking deck at The Plaza shopping center, 95th and Western, Evergreen Park. The new open-air, eleven-acre parking lot will accommodate about 1,100 cars, with approximately two acres available for future retail development.

Parking improves at The Plaza

Demolition began last week on the two-level parking deck at The Plaza shopping center, 95th and Western, Evergreen Park. The deck will be replaced with a new fully landscaped and lighted parking lot to serve shoppers at The Plaza. Completion of the project is expected to take two to three months.

The new eleven-acre parking lot will accommodate about 1,100 cars, with approximately two acres available for future retail development.

The Village of Evergreen Park last fall approved the sale of $3.5 million in bonds to finance the project, which will be paid by The Plaza, through an annual real estate tax levy.

"The cooperation of Mayor Sexton and the Village of Evergreen Park has been instrumental in bringing this project to reality," said Bruce Provo, President of the Provo Group, managing general partner of The Plaza. "The new parking lot will be a welcome improvement to a part of The Plaza property that needs revitalizing, and should better reflect the open-air parking that shoppers prefer."

"This is a joint venture," Mayor James Sexton said. "It will benefit the people of Evergreen Park and surrounding areas, and give a boost to The Plaza."

The Plaza has been serving Evergreen Park and neighboring communities with fine shopping for the whole family for 50 years.

Officer Moran

Officer Morrison

Sheriff congratulates officers

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan (right) congratulates Police Officer Jason Moran on his recent graduation and Police Officer Keith Morrison from the Sheriff's Police Training Academy. Moran, a resident of Oak Lawn, has been with the Cook County Sheriff's Office since 1999 and previously worked as a deputy sheriff in the Court Service Department.

National tour sing a long Wizard of Oz

The National Tour of "Sing-A-Long Wizard of Oz," an exciting theatrical experience, combining audience participation with a beautifully restored version of the most beloved motion picture of all time, made its world premiere January 11 at Chicago's Ford Center for the Performing Arts, The Oriental Theatre." "Sing-A-Long Wizard of Oz" is produced by Nederlander Presentations, Inc. and Clear Channel Entertainment, in association with Warner Bros. Theatrical.

For tickets call the Chicago Box offices (22 W. Monroe St. at 312-902-1400.

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OL Village Tree Program

The Village of Oak Lawn has a cooperative tree planting program for municipal parkways. It is a shared cost program between property owners and the Village for the planting of trees in the Village's right-of-way. The cost varies per tree species. This spring, the cost can be as little as $100 and up to $140. This price covers approximately half of the cost of purchasing the two-inch diameter tree and installing it. The height of each tree varies with the species as some trees grow at a faster rate than others.

Due to the sensitivity of trees, plantings are done two times a year, in the spring and fall. To allow for availability of trees species, the timely placement of orders is necessary. Therefore, the spring deadline is March 30,2003 and fall is August 20, 2003.

Certain species of trees are highly sensitive and therefore may not be available throughout a whole planting season. Unseasonable weather will affect the availability of certain species. As such, it is recommended that you place your order as early in the season as possible.

Appropriate spacing is required before a tree is approved for the program. The Village Forester will inspect the site for final approval of location and species.

After the tree is installed, the Village will perform future maintenance needs of the tree in regards to trimming and removal, when necessary.

The homeowner is responsible for selecting a tree specie from the list provided by the Village. Staff has installed several available species for research ease at the ballpark located at Central Avenue and 99th Street. A sign clearly identifying the species is provided for each tree.

The homeowner then submits payment to the Village of approximately one-half of the total cost including the purchase and installation costs.

The Village will coordinate the program. Once the tree has been planted, watered, and mulched at installation, the daily maintenance responsibility shifts to the homeowner. The homeowner would provide watering and fertilizing, when and if necessary. The Village would then provide pruning and removal services in the future as needed.

After installation, the homeowner will receive a Care Letter to guide them through the care of the new tree(s). You can make a difference to a young tree by giving the proper care necessary for it to grow in its new home. Properly cared for, a young tree will quickly become an asset for the homeowner and the entire Community.

Call Heather Green, Village Forester form more information, at (708) 499-7098

EP Fire Dept. checks car seats

The Evergreen Park Fire Department will check your child's car seat. Call the Fire Department at (708) 422-2148 to set up an appointment. Call during business hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The child must accompany you in order to do the car seat check. The Fire Department will check to see if your car seat is properly fastened, secured, and if there were any manufacturer seat recalls. The car seat check will take place at the Evergreen Park Fire Department, 90th & Kedzie.

Illinois Law states that "any driver transporting a child is responsible for ensuring that a child restraint system is used by the child (625ILCS 25/). Depending on the child's age, the following regulations apply:

1. Under 4 years of age. Child car seat must be used.
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85th anniversary for Women's club

On Wednesday, February 19th, the Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club, will commemorate the 85th Anniversary of the independence of the Lithanian Republic, at a luncheon, at the Olive Garden, 4801 W. 77th St., Burbank.

Social hour is to start at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at 12:30 p.m. followed by the observance program. Guest speaker will be Evelyn Ozelis, Vice President of the National Lithuanian American Council. Historical and present day Lithuanian highlights will be noted.

Reservations at $15 per person are available through the co-hostesses: Emma Petraitis, (708) 839-5691, and Ruth Katauskas, (708) 737-8085.

Annual Midwinter Refuge Concert

Take a break from our long, cold, Mid-western winter at The Southwest Symphony's Annual Midwinter Refuge Concert on Saturday, February 8, 2003 at 8 p.m., at Trinity Christian College's Ozinga Chapel Auditorium, located at 6601 West College Drive in Palos Heights.

The new Norman Ozinga Memorial organ at Trinity Christian College featuring Marilyn Mulder, Instructor of Organ at Trinity Christian College, will be showcased in Saint-Saens rousing Symphony No.3 in C Minor. This beautiful new organ was built by James Lauck Pipe Organ Company of Otsego, Michigan. The organ consists of 48 ranks and 37 registers, approximately 3,000 pipes and 32 pedals. Marilyn Mulder has served as Instructor of Organ at the college since 1976. Over the past 30 years she has served four congregations as Minister of Music, Head Organist and Choir Director. She has played recitals at suburban churches, the Chicago Temple, Fourth Presbyterian Church, and for the Hymn Society of the United States and Canada. She received her Master of Music (Organ) at the American Conservatory of Music.

Also perfomed will be Tchaikovsky's Capriccio Italien and the Suite from the Tree Penny Opera by Kurt Weill.

Ticket prices start at $5 for students, $15 for senior citizens, and $16-20 for adults. Children under 12 are free. For brochures or futher information please call the SSO at (708) 802-0686.

Scholarship created to honor Dolores Mallo

In June 1948, Dolores Dalton Mallo graduated from Little Company of Mary Hospital's School of Nursing Cadet Program. During the next 40 years in nursing, Dolores Mallo touched thousands of lives, not only the patients she cared for so expertly but also the many nursing students she taught.

But nursing was just one facet of Dolores Mallo's busy life. She was also a dedicated wife and mother.

What was so special about this woman? First, she was my mom-she was a self-sacrificing woman who gave of herself to each person she met. Second, she truly cherished working with her nursing students. She nurtured her students for the betterment of her profession. Her calming attitude helped many men and women survive those dreaded clinical days. I never really appreciated what my mom did as a nursing instructor until I became one.

Through my professional activities, I have met dozens of my mom's former students. All of them, now RNs, expressed their gratitude for her patience and kindness. Many of them have said she was one of the people who made a difference in their nursing careers.

Over eleven years ago, Dolores Mallo died of end stage heart disease and end stage renal (kidney) disease at the age of 64 years young.

As her former students and colleagues reading this will undoubtedly agree, Dolores Mallo was special. We were all blessed to have had her touch our lives. Our loss is great and we wish we could tell her, "Thanks for all you did for us and all you have contributed to our lives to make us better people."

In memory of Dolores Dalton Mallo-our MOM-my family, my sisters Noreen Mallo Wojtan and Mary Dolores Mallo and our brother Arthur K. Mallo, and their families, are establishing a Nursing Scholarship Fund at MVC School of Nursing.

One nursing student each year will receive a $1000 scholarship in our mother's name. This scholarship fund will continue Dolores Dalton Mallo's "SPIRIT" at MVCC and also in her nursing profession. I have no doubt that if my Mom were alive today, she would still be working in some capacity as a loving, caring, and compassionate nurse, helping others and making a difference.

As everyone knows, we need more dedicated men and women to choose nursing as a career. Becoming a nurse takes dedication to one's studies, determination and intelligence to complete the degree, courage and compassion to take care of people who are sick or dying and a clear head to work under extremely stressful situations. My Mom has all those qualities and more.

She made that difference in many, many of her students' and patients' lives and now she can continue to do so through this scholarship. If anyone is interested in finding out more about Dolores Dalton Mallo's Nursing Scholarship Fund to continue her legacy in Nursing, please contact Betty Kosky at Marquette Bank at 6316 S. Western Ave., Chicago, Illinois, 60636.

A special Thank You to all those dedicated nurses who tirelessly work long hours under stressful conditions. Know that you are appreciated, admired and are among the true heroes of America.

Source: Patricia Mallo Meslar, RN, BSN, MS.

Tips on avoiding scams

Representatives from the Cook County Sheriff's Office will be presenting a new program designed to help senior citizens protect themselves against telemarketing scams, according to the office of Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan.

Tip on Telemarketing Scams will be presented on Monday, February 10 at 1:30 p.m. to AARP Chapter 3558, at the Johnson Phelps VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., Oak Lawn. Members attending this meeting will learn the do's and don'ts of responding to telemarketing scams and how to recognize scams by their "prizes" and pressure phrases.

"My office receives thousands of complaints each year about telephone solicitations, many from senior citizens who are confused or alarmed as a result of receiving these relentless calls," Sheriff Sheahan said. "This program will help seniors recognize these scams and avoid becoming a victim of them."

Sheriff's Office of Community Services at (708) 974-6142

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Beginning March 3, 2003, the Stickney Township Office on Aging and the Louis S. Viverito Senior Center Advisory Committee will be accepting donations of nick-knacks, jewelry, tools, small appliances, toys, clothing, etc. (clean and in good condition please) for the Senior Rummage Sale. Please bring your items to the south entrance of the Louis S.Viverito Senior Center located at 7745 S. Leamington, Burbank between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday ,through Friday.

The Rummage Sale will be held on April 23rd, 24th, and 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Louis S. Viverito Senior Center, 7745 S. Leavington, Burbank. For more information please call (708) 636-88509.

Tinley Park Theatre Troupe present "All My Sons"

The Tinley Park Theatre Troupe will present the classic Arthur Miller drama "All My Sons", in the Auditorium Theater located in Tinley Park High School, 6111 W. 175th Street, Tinley Park, for two weekends, starting Friday, February 14 & Saturday, February 15 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, February 16 at 3 p.m., continuing Friday, February 21 & Saturday, February 22 at 8 p.m., closing Sunday, February 23 at 3 p.m. There is a special two for one ticket offer, appropriately on Valentine's Day, which is also opening night.

Tony Carsella (Blue Island), plays Joe Keller who along with his partner Herbert Deever, produced airplane parts, used in planes during the War effort in World War II. Profit motive takes precedent over responsibility and defective parts are knowingly shipped, leading to prosecution of the partners. Keller is exonerated and goes on to make a fortune, while Deever is wrongly imprisoned. Keller has two sons, Chris played by John Madison (Oak Lawn), who returned from the War to work with his father, and Larry who is still missing in action. Ann, Deever's daughter, played by Carolina Sexton (100th & Maplewood), returns home, leading to a romance with Chris. Kate, Keller's wife, played by Kristi Alsip (1400 W. Sherwin), holds out hope Larry will return. An urgent phone call from Ann's brother, George, played by Matthew Churilla (Homewood), signals his return and a long overdue meeting with Keller, leading to a powerful and stunning conclusion. The Keller's neighbors who are frequent visitors to the Keller's back yard include the Bayliss's: Dr. Jim, played by Mark Eaton (94th & Longwood), and Sue, played by Lil O'Donnell (58th & Rutherford), the Lubeys: Frank, played by Robert Gerardo (Mokena), and Lydia, played by Dean Suchia (Crestwood), and Bert, played by Luke Piarowski (Manhattan). The show is directed by Mark Dillon (Oak Lawn), assisted by Pam Piarowski (Oak Lawn). Curt Murff (Mokena) is the Set Designer, Suzanne Barzacchini (Oak Park)-Photographer, Michael Davenport (Beverly)-Sound, and Peter Simon (Lockport)-Lighting.

Phone (708) 342-4200 for tickets which are $8 per adult, $7 per senior citizen, or purchase them in advance at Tinley Park Park District's Recreation Center, 8125 W. 171st Street, Tinley Park. The show is sponsored by Park District's Arts Alive Program.

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VFW Post 177 give awards

Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Chicago Ridge Post No. 177, Chicago Ridge, presented awards to the two school winner of the VFW Patriot's Pen contest at Our Lady of the Ridge located in Chicago Ridge. Patriot's Pen is an annual written essay, on given patriotic topic for all 7th and 8th grade students.

This year's school winners are Jacqueline Budde, and Jenna Scatto. Each school winner was awarded a $100 US Savings Bond at a school ceremony. There is one school winner allocated for every twenty five contestants. For more information on how to enter the next year's Patriot's Pen contest for 7th and 8th graders, call John at 708-636-3220.

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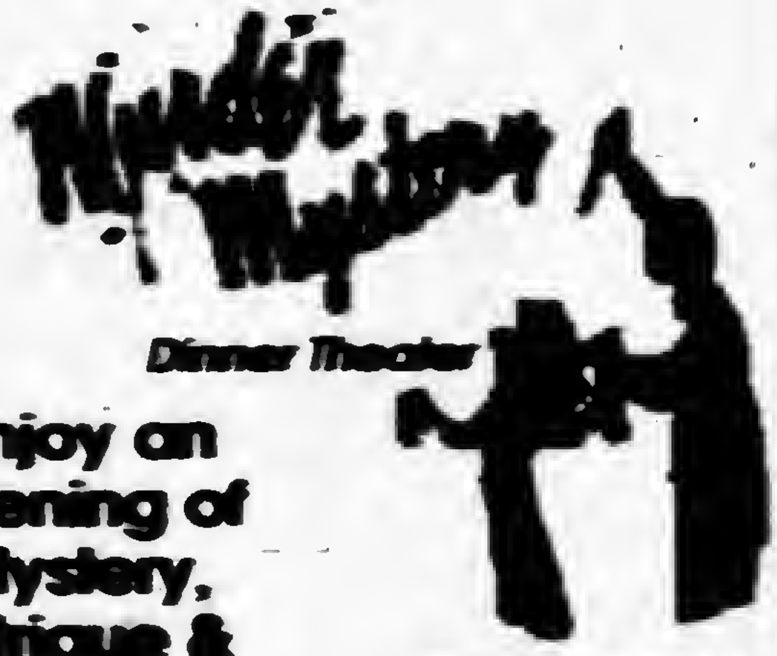

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Who's who among teachers

Six St. Laurence teachers were named in the latest edition of "Who's Who Among American Teachers." They were nominated by alumni students who themselves have achieved academic excellence The faculty members were acknowledged for their outstanding teaching in the classroom. Pictured her are the honored teachers: (left to right, back row) Mr. Michael Corbett (English), Mr. William McLean (Computer Science), Mrs. Kathy Hynes (Math), (front row), Mr. Patrick Fowler (Math), Br. Michael Segvich, Principal (Theology, Geography), and Br. Thomas Mahoney (English).

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Degroot joins Founders Bank

Founders Bank has appointed Douglas A. DeGroot to the position of Senior Vice President and Trust Officer. DeGroot's primary responsibility will concentrate on developing and expanding the bank's Trust and Asset Management Division.

"I am extremely pleased to be joining the fine team at Founders Bank. Founders has a strong reputation for honesty and integrity, community involvemnt and dedicated professional service. I look forward to the opportunity of further building and strengthening the Trust and Asset Management Division," commented De Grout.

DeGroot comes to Founders Bank from South Holland Trust and Savings Bank. Since 1987, he had served as Senior Vice President & Trust Officer responsible for the supervision of their $375,000,000 trust operation. During his tenure at there, the trust area experienced significant growth. DeGroot's diligence on customer service and conservative investment products attributed to much of the bank's growth. He commented, "It is because of their (Founders Bank) commitment to meeting customers' needs that I am extremely excited to join the Founders Bank team.

DeGroot received his Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Oklahoma and his Masters in Business Administration from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas-Northwestern University in Chicago.

Like so many of the banking professionals who have chosen to be a part of the Founders team, De Groot, a resident of Frankfort, strongly believes in the community banking concept.

Founders Bank operates nine locations: Worth, Tinley Park, Palos Heights, Homer Glen, Mount Greenwood, Oak Lawn, Minooka, Channahon and Plainfield and will soom open a Business Banking Center in Joliet. For information on the bank's productsand services, please call the bank's toll-free Customer Service Center at (877) 448-6500

Search

On February 12, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. as Rita Kribs of Moraine Valley Community College discusses different strategies on searching for a job. Bring your resume with you. The seminar will leave you with many great resources to finding the perfect job! For more information contact the Reference Department at 708-598-8446. The library is located at 8611 W 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Evergreen Park Library news

Jammy Jamboree

The Youth Services Department at the E.P. Public Library, 9400 S. Troy Ave., invites children ages 2-7 and an adult caregiver to join them on Monday, February 24th at 7:00 p.m. for a special evening story time. You can even wear your pajamas and bring your favorite blanket and stuffed animal to this fun story time. Register by calling (708) 422-8522.

Celebrate the Lantern Festival!

The Youth Services Department at the E.P. Public Library, 9400 S. Troy Ave., invites you to drop in anytime on Saturday, February 15th to make a simple paper lantern to celebrate the Lantern Festival. The Lantern Festival is an important traditional Chinese Festival, which is on the first month of the Chinese New Year. When you're done, spend a few minutes on your own, solving riddles or reading more about the Lantern Festival. Reading and scissor skills are needed so adult supervision is required for younger children.

Young Readers Book Discussion

The Youth Services Department at the E.P. Public Library, 9400 S. Troy Ave., invites readers in grades 4-6 to join them at 6:45 on the third Wednesday of every month to discuss good books. On February 19th, we'll be discussing Dealing With Dragons by Patricia Wrede. Pick up a copy at the Youth Service Desk.

Road to Succeed

The Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy Ave., along with the Chicago Wolves hockey team is offering a reading incentive program for readers in Kindergarten through eighth grade. Registration begins Saturday, February 15th. Members are asked to read and log three books between February 15th and Friday, March 14th to receive a grab-bag prize. Get a temporary tattoo just for signing up. The last day to turn in your book log is March 14th. Chicago Wolves defenseman, Kurtis Foster, will visit the Library on Monday, March 3rd at 6:30 p.m. to encourage readers and to sign autographs.

Beverly Arts Center holds Auction

Beverly Arts Center of Chicago (BAC) will hold its 32nd Annual Benefit Auction Saturday, Feb. 22 which includes art, antiques, collectibles, jewelry, furniture, and dinner and theater gift certificates as well as services of all kinds. the theme of this year's auction is "Love -In for the Arts" ("mod '60's") and doors are scheduled to open at 6 p.m. The BAC is located at 2407 W. 11th St. in Chicago.

Event participants can engage in both a live and silent auction. The silent auction bidding will begin at 6 pm. and the live auction will follow at 9 p.m. This year's auction pieces include a Fender Stratocaster guitar signed by Buddy Guy, furniture handcrafted by Dale Vanderbloomen of Catwood Studio, an antique chaise lounge, and a kitchen table and two chairs hand painted by Jeanine Anderson. Sports fans can bid on a Chicago White Sox game package, which includes the opportunity to be a bat boy/girl, and two Chicago Cubs game packages--one offers the opportunity to throw out the first pitch, and the other package includes the chance to sing the national anthem. Other exciting auction items include golf and lunch for two at Ridge Country Club with Bob Standring and Dan Mc Grath of the Chicago Tribune, and a "Movies To Go" package that includes a projector, screen, popcorn machine operator and a movie shown at the home of the highest bidder. Gourmet appetizers, coffee and desserts will be served and there will also be a cash bar for guests. Cash, checks and major credit cards will be accepted.

This year's Grand Raffle is a 2003 Volkswagen Beetle mellow yellow convertible, and tickets are $100 each. Only 750 tickets will be sold for the convertible, which is generously sponsored by Mike Haggerty Volkswagen and Mike and Dick Haggerty.

Donations of cash, goods and/or services (gift certificates are always a crowd-pleaser) are greatly appreciated. All donations are tax-deductible and will be printed in the auction catalog. Send donations to the attention of: Mara Petraitis-Auction Committee-BAC, 2407 W. 111th Street, Chicago, IL 60655. To make arrangements for pick-up of larger items, please call the BAC at (773) 445-3838.

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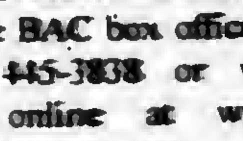
Beverly Arts Center of Chicago will hold its 32nd Annual "Love-In for the Arts" Benefit Auction Saturday, Feb. 22 at the BAC, 2407 W. 11th St. Doors open at 6p.m. Tickets are $40 per person in advance and $50 at the door. For more information, call the BAC box office at (773) 445-3838 or visit them online at www.beverlyartcenter.org.



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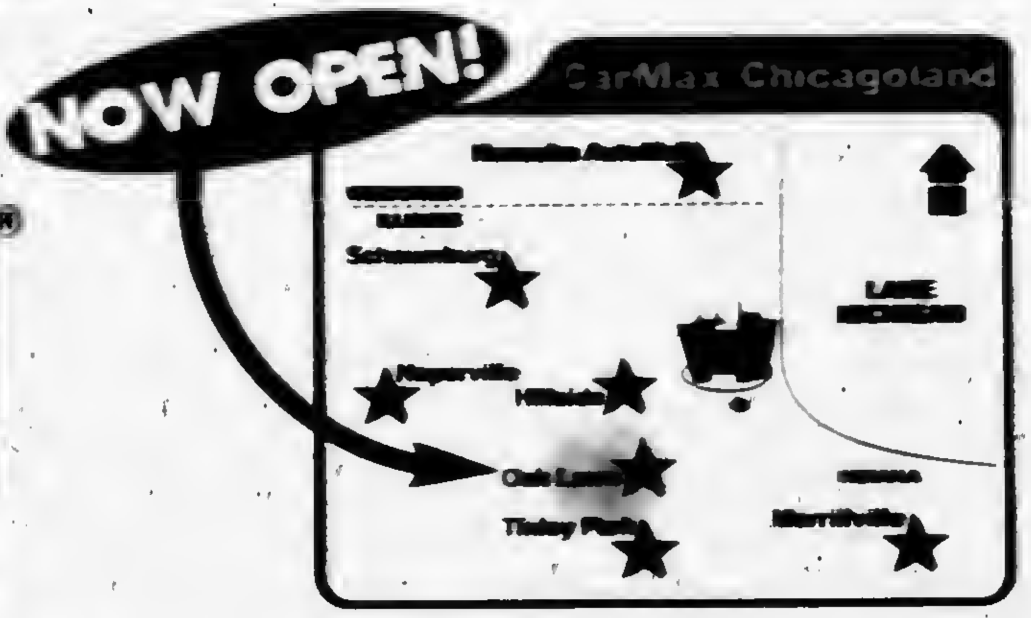

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BAC Irish Film Festival

The 4th Annual Irish Film Festival will be held Friday, Feb. 28 through Sunday, March 2 at Beverly Arts Center of Chicago (BAC) Featuring the most exciting, stimulating and thought provoking contemporary films from Ireland, this three-day annual event is one of only a handful of Irish film festivals in the United States. All films will be shown at the Beverly Arts Center, located at 2407 W. 11th St.

This year's festival will feature a variety of Irish films including full-length features, animations and shorts, all filled with the magic and spirit that is unique to Ireland. Many of the previous films at the Irish Film Fest have been award nominees and winners at Cannes, Berlin, Cork, Galway and the Academy Awards. All screenings include a feature film and at least two shorts.

The Festival will kick off Friday, Feb 28 with an opening night reception at 7 p.m. and special guests Catriona Doyle, vice-consul general of Ireland, and Liam O'Neill, producer /director at Paradox Pictures, followed by screenings of Irish films. The benefit cost for the evening, including the reception, is $30.

2003 Film Festival Line Up:

Fri., Feb. 28, Reception 7 p.m., screening to follow. Tickets $30, Feature film: "How Harry Became a Tree". Ireland 1924. The Civil War may be over, but things are never peaceful in Harry Maloney's world. Harry has decided to believe in hate, expecting the worst of everyone and has not been disappointed. This is a magical yet disquieting tale of a man who has given up on love, believing it is better to be measured by his enemies, even ones of his own making. (100 mins.) Color/35mm.

Sat. March 1, screening at 2 p.m. Tickets $10, Feature Film: "Bloody Sunday", January 30, 1972, 13 unarmed people died and 14 were critically injured by bullets that cut through the air on a Sunday afternoon in Derry. They were protesting a British government law that allowed Irish citizens suspected of paramilitary activity to be arrested and imprisoned without trial. This is a re-enactment of the events that occurred on the day that marked the beginning of the violent civil war in Northern Ireland. (107 mins.) Color 35mm.

Sat., March 1, Screening at 8p.m. Tickets $10, Feature film: "Puckoon" Based on Spike Mulligan's comic masterpiece, first published in 1963, this is the politically true, politically incorrect story of how an Irish and British Boundary Commission took a red pencil late one Saturday night in 1924 and divided the last bit of Ireland into the Republic and the North. Comic reactions ensue when the town wakes up and finds the Commission has divided the village in two including the local pub and the cemetery. (83 mins) Color/35mm.

Sunday, March 2, Screening at 2p.m. Tickets $10 Feature Film: "The Quiet Man". Although many people have come to view this classic as stereotypical Irish filmmaking at its worst, combining drinking, fighting and lovemaking, it is in fact a wonderful story. Culture and heritage, community and conflict, and an underlying love of Ireland are portrayed in this film by director John Ford, created for his native land. Celebrating its 50th anniversary last year, this film was the first high-profile film made in Ireland with a largely Hivernian cast, and included Maureen O'Hara, Victor McLaglen and Barry Fitzgerald. (129 mins) Color/35mm.

Shorts; "Pulling the Devil by the Tail" (2002) Three old Irish folk-punks accidentally kill a talking goat. It turns out it belonged to the Devil. Will they be too frightened to sing? (Animation) (6 mins), "One Up On Two" (2002) Practical jokes that are no joke (13 mins), "Sunday Munch" (2002) A visual and audio feast of food and Verdi. (4 mins), "An Te Nach bhFuil Laidir" (2002) If at first you don't succeed, let fate intervene. (13 mins), "Beau Guest" (1956) An Irish PSA that encouraged all to welcome foreigners. Lemon or laugh? (3 mins), "Innocence" (2002) An afternoon of summer vacation that goes terribly wrong. (11 mins), "Sets & Violence" (2002) The audition from Hell. (1 min 20 sec.).

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The Fourth Annual Irish Film Festival will be held at Beverly Arts Center of Chicago, 2407 W. 111th St., Friday, Feb 28 at 7p.m., Saturday, March 1 at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $30 for Friday evening (including opening night reception) and $10 for all other single screenings. A $40 Festival pass includes the opening night reception and all four screenings. For more information, call the BAC box office at 773) 445-3838 or visit them online at www. beverlyartcenter.org.

Flower & Garden Show Trip

The Chicago Garden Club of Mount Greenwood is hosting their 3rd annual trip to the Navy Pier Flower & Garden Show on March 11th, 2003. Bus fare and ticket to the show is $18.50. For more information call Sue at (708) 371-5311 of Leslie at (773) 264-8001. This trip is open to members and non-members.

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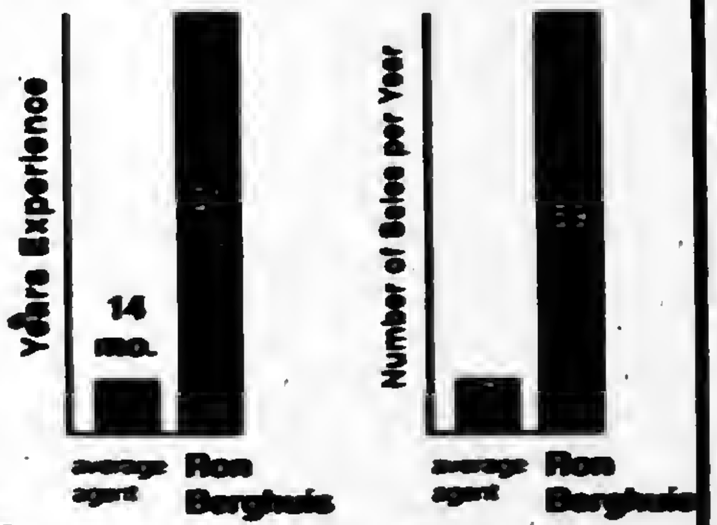

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Governor's ball

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka (second from left) reelected for a history making third term with her escort Stanley Jendrzejec, President of the Polish National Alliance join First Lady of Illinois Patti and Governor Rod Blagojevich on stage at the Governors Inauguration Ball. Topinka wore a midnight blue chiffon dress that she purchased from a resale shop for only $35.

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Garden Club meets

The Chicago Garden Club of Mt. Greenwood is having their monthly meeting at the Mt Greenwood Library, 11010 S. Kedzie on February 13th, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

The speaker is Mr. Brian Williquette, who has worked in the landscape industry for over 25 years. The last 15 years Brian has worked for the Chicago Park District and has cared for everything from passive turf to lagoons and woodlands. Currently Brian is the District Forester and oversees the care of the trees and shrubs through out the District. Brian will proudly show off his lawn as he shares some of the secrets of proper turf care.

This meeting is open to members & non-members, a $1 fee is requested from non-members, which can be used towards a new membership.

Children's Clothing Resale at Southwest Christian Schools

Southwest Chicago Christian Schools will hold its annual Spring/Summer Children's Clothing Resale on Saturday, February 22nd from 9:00a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Oak Lawn gym located at 5665 W. 101st Street. Toys and baby equipment will be sold along with gently used boy's clothing (infant to size 20) and girl's clothing (infant to size 16).

Interested sellers may register on Friday, February 7th at the Oak Lawn campus from 1:00 to 3:15 p.m. The registration fee is $3. The seller receives 70% of all sales and the school receives 30%. Only adults will be permitted in the gym during the sale. All sales are cash only

For more information or to register as a seller after February 7th, contact Pam at (708) 361-4451.

Valentines dance & party

On Saturday, February 15, 2003, the Oak Lawn Community Church will have a Valentines party and dance from 7:00 -10:00 PM at 9000 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn.

Tickets in advance are: adults $5.00, children 12 & under $2.00 Tickets at the door are: adults $6.00, children 12 & under $3.00 Refreshments will be served. No alcohol is allowed. Casual attire. There will be raffles, and door prizes. This is a fundraiser for the church to raise money for a new sound system in the sanctuary.

For more information, please call Linda at (708) 425-6957 or the church at (708) 599-4025.

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Valentine Drop-in Craft

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 1400 S. Oxford, invites children age 3 to grade 8 to join us for Valentine Drop-in Craft on February 8 between 10 a.m. and noon or between 1 and 3 p.m. An adult must accompany children between the ages of 3 and 5. Make special decorations and gifts for Valentine's Day! No registration needed. Call the library at (708) 423-7753 for more information.

Lucky Thirteen

Community-theater fans can now purchase season tickets for the thirteenth season of the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre group. The group's upcoming production schedule is" Jeckyl & Hyde (June 12-15); 42nd Street (Aug. 8-10, Aug. 14-17); Victor/Victoria (Nov.14-16, Nov. 20-23); and, in 2004, The Wizard of Oz (March 5-7, March 11-14). Executive producers for these performances are Paul Nirchi of Orland Park and Dave Heilmann of Oak Lawn.

Season tickets are available for $60 at the Oak View Center, located at 4625 W. 110th St. in Oak Lawn. Limited seats also remain for the group's spring production of The Sound of Music, running March 7-9, March 13-16 and March 21-23.
Box-office hours are:
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To order by phone, call **(708) 857-2200, or for more information, 2-mail theatre@olparks.com**

Trinity Lutheran Preschool

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, 9701 S. Brandt Ave., begins its open registration for the 2003-2004 school year on Tuesday, February 18, 2003. Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, which began in 1984, is a state licensed preschool for three and four year olds. The preschool provides opportunities and activities which help children develop their social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth. All readi- ness skills for kindergarten are experienced.

For more information, or to set up an appointment to view the school, please call Cathy Cepican, Director at (708) 4232-0193

Contemporary church service

On Sunday, February 9, 2003, the Oak Lawn Community Church will have a Contemporary Church Service at 1:00PM at 9000 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn.

This service is open to all Christians or those interested in information about the Christian faith. There will be live music for Praise and Worship, led by Rev. Linda Du Puy and New Creations Band. An offering will be taken.

For more information, please call Linda at (708) 425-6957 or the church at (708) 599-4025.

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OCS Garden Clinic

It's time to "think Spring". The fourth Monday of each month is designeated as the "Garden Clinic" day at the H.B. Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park. Join the group in Room 112 at 10:00 a.m. to exchange information on how, when and where to plant, fertilize and care for flowers and vegetables. Enjoyable and interesting, and you can reap the benfits.

Assistance for income tax for EP seniors

It's Income Tax Season! NOW is the time for Evergreen Park senior residents to phone for an appointment to have the assistance of our counselors in filing the Income Tax return. Call 422-8776 between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, for an appointment. Our counselors are volunteers and are available on Mondays, W3ednesdays, and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. by appointment at the Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 West 97th St., Evergreen Park.

Be prepared to bring with you: Last year's returns, both federal and state, New forms with labels on them, Social Security statements SSA1099, All bank account statements showing interest received, Investment statements, such as dividends,etc., Records of any income received such as pensions, etc., Receipts for charitable contributions, Real estate tax bill, Any other financial information to complete your return.

The schedule allows a one hour limit per client. Due to time/schedule contraints, business returns are not accepted.

CATS seeks comment

The Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS), the metropolitan transportation planning organization for northeastern Illinois, has developed, with your input, a draft, Shared Path 20030 Regional Transportation Plan. At meetings over the past year, residents said CATS could best meet their future travel needs by maintaining and expanding the existing transportation system, providing more affordable public mass transit choices between suburbs and assuring safe options for bicyclists, pedestrians and the disabled.

CATS has proposed safe, healthy, efficient and cost-effective transportation solutions for train, bus, highway, freight and bicycle transportation that protect the environment, preserve community cohesion, provide access tojobs, promote economic development and provide fair and equal access to all users, said Executive Director Art Biciunas. "As our population grows, we also must factor in competing community needs, available resources and llimited funding."

CATS wants to hear what the public thinks about the project proposals to maintaina improve and sustain our transportation system. For an overview of the 2030 draft RTP, check your local T.V. listings for broadcasts to be aired on WJYS-TV from April 10 to 15. To comment on the plan, attend community meetings to be held in late April, visit the CATS website at www.catsmpo .com, e-mail us at SP2030@catsmpo .com or contact Tom Murtha at (312) 793-3466.

Now Playing

Through February 23, 2003, in the courtyard theater at Chicago Shakespear Theater, is William Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, directed by Artistic Director Barbara Gaines, featuring some of Chicago's favorite actors-Kevin Gudahl, Scott Parkinson, Scott Jaeck and Guy Adkins. Ticket prices are $48 for performances Tuesday through Thursday, and $58 for perfomrances Friday through Sunday.

The Student Matinee Series for Julius Caesar is sponsored, in part, by Nuveen Investments. Lighting Design is sponsored by ComEd and menswerar is generously provided in part by Bachrach. American Airlines is the official airline of Chicago Shakespeare Theater.

Voters' registration

Orland Park Village Clerk David P. Maher reminds residents that Tuesday, March 4, 2003 is the last day to register to vote in order to be elegible to cast your vote in the upcoming April 1, 2003 Consolidated Election. Registration will reopen on April 4, 2003 two days after the election.

"Persons who are U.S. Citizens, will celebrate their 18th birthday on or before April 1, 2003, have recently moved from one Orland Park address to another, changed your name, were removed from the voter rolls, or never registered to vote, may register by that deadline to be eligible to vote in the April 1, 2003 Consolidated Election," Maher said. Two forms of identification are all you need, one with your name and current address such as a driver's license, library card, piece of postmarked mail, etc. the other with simply your name such as a credit card, ID, Jewel or Dominick's card, etc. You must be a registered voter to vote in any election. The entire process will only take about ten minutes of your time.

In addition to the regular 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday hours, the Clerk's office will be open for voters registration from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sat., Feb. 15th, 22nd, and March 1st. The Clerk's office is located on the main floor of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 S. Ravinia Ave.

For more information, please call Clerk Maher's office at (708) 403-6150

Moraine Valley news

"Business After Hours"

Moraine Valley's Small Business Development Center and the Management and Professional Skills Institute (MPSI) will host a multi chamber "Business After-Hours" on Thursday, February 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Moraine Rooms I and II in the College Center.

This local business event will provide an opportunity for members of local chambers of commerce to network and to see Moraine Valley's campus. Tours of the college's Center for Contemporary Technology and the new Integrated Systems Technology (IST) labs will also be available.

The entry fee is $5 for chamber members, and $10 for non-chamber members. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served.

For those interested in brushing up on networking skills, the MPSI is offering a class on "Career Networking: Building Successful Business Relationships" on two consecutive Wednesdays, Feb 12 and 19, from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m., in Moraine Room I. The cost for this class is $40.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Carol Malina, Workforce Development and Community Services, at (708) 974-5714 or e-mail malina@morainevalley.edu.

James Sewell Ballet Valentine's package

Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Center will host a performance by the James Sewell Ballet Company on Saturday, February 15, at 8 p.m. in the college's Dorothy Menker Theater, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

Special Valentine's weekend dinner packages are available. For $80, couples can purchase two tickets for the performance as well as attend a catered dinner buffet beginning at 6 p.m. in the Moraine Rooms, on the second floor of the College Center.

Known for its technical brilliance, the James Sewell Ballet company presents ballet that is influenced by modern dance in a highly theatrical style, allowing its audience to experience ballet from a different perspective. The performance also intertwines ballet with improvisational dance, humor, and magic.

The James Sewell Ballet was founded in 1990 by James Sewell, a Minneapolis native who moved to New York to pursue a career in dance. Based in New York City for its first three years (1990-93), the company relocated to Minneapolis, Minn. in August 1993. The company's Minnesota debut occurred Oct. 23, 1993, in St. Paul. Since then, it has presented Sewell's contemporary ballet choreography to a growing audience. James Sewell Ballet's dancers perform annually in St. Paul, Rochester, and St. Cloud, Minn., as well as throughout the United States.

Support from the Heartland Arts Fund makes it possible for Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Center to continue working with community partners to bring artists like James Sewell Ballet into the community.

For more information about the Sewell Ballet performance at Moraine Valley, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500, or visit Moraine Valley on the Web at http://www.morainevalley.edu/fpac/spotligh.htm.
Tickets for the performance only are $22 for adults, and $20 for seniors. Tickets are available at the Box Office or by calling (708) 974-5500. Ticket orders processed by phone are subject to a $1 handling fee.

Second City deluges MVCC in comedy

Moraine Valley will host the Second City comic six-some as they deliver a barrelfull of belly laughs during their 8 p.m. performances on Friday, Feb. 21, and Saturday, Feb 22, at Moraine Valley.

Moraine Valley's Dorothy Menker Theater, located on campus at 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills, will light the stage for the 40-plus year-old traveling ensemble, whose cast includes bright young comics Liz Cackowski, Molly Erdman, Bridget Kloss, Pip Lilly, Kevin McGeehan, and Craig Uhlir.

The Second City, founded in Chicago in 1959, is known for its hilarious and intelligent sketches, and musical and improvisational acts. The company's satirical acts are guided by the audience and performed spontaneously, making the evening an unmapped adventure sure to lead its spectators to uproarious fits of laughter.

The Second City, has churned out an assortment of professional humorists, including such starts as Dan Akroyd, John Belushi, Bill Murray, Gilda Radner, George Wendt, Martin Short, John Candy, and Chris Farley, as well as current comic entertainers Rachel Dratch (Saturday Night Live) and Ryan Stiles (The Drew Carey Show, Whose Line Is It Anyway).

Tickets for the Second City performances are $19 for adults and $17 for students and seniors. For more information or tickets, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500 or visit the Moraine Valley Web at http://www.morainevalley.edu/fpac/spotligh.htm. Telephone orders are subject to a $1 handling fee.

Rushmore Film Series at SXU

Wes Anderson's Rushmore, the follow-up to the quirky Bottle Rocket, is a wonderful unorthodox coming-of-age story that ranks with Harold and Maude and The Graduate in the pantheon of timeless cult classics. Never stooping to sentimentality or schmaltz, Anderson and co-writer Owen Wilson have fashioned a wickedly intelligent and wildly funny tale of young adulthood that hits all the right notes in its mix of melancholy and optimism.

The film series will be shown on Friday, February 7th and Saturday, February 8th at 7:00 p.m. in McGuire Hall in the Warde Academic Center. It is free and open to the public.

For more information concerning the Film Series, call (773) 298-3442

Military News

Air Force Airman Robert C. Kintz has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base. San Antonio. Texas.

He is the son of Robert Kintz and Beverly Kintz of Oak Lawn, Illinois.

Kintz is a 2002 graduate of Brother Rice High School, Chicago.

Air Force 1st class John F. Quarello has also graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He is the son of Donna and Jim Quarello of Burbank, Illinois.

Quarello is a 2002 graduate of Reavis High School, Burbank.

Air Force Airman Lauren K. McInerney has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

She is the daughter of Marylou McInerney of Hickory Hills, and sister of Kim McInerney of South Bend, Ind.

McInerney is a 2002 graduate of Penn High School, Mishawaka, Ind.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Marine Corp PVT. Michael J. Serritos, a 2002 graduate of St. Rita of Cascia High School, Chicago recently completed basic training at Marine Corps. Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Marine Corps Pvt. Valerie L. Fenton, daughter of Kathleen Paterson of Valparaiso, Ind. and Thomas Fenton of Chicago, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Fenton is a 2002 graduate of Mount Assissi Academy of Lemont.

Marine Corps Pvt. Michael A Munoz, son of Cynthia A. and Gilbert Munoz of Chicago, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Munoz is a 2001 graduate of De La Salle High School of Chicago.

Serritos, Fenton and Munoz successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Serritos, Fenton, Munoz and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition, they spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform and assorted weapons training.

Serritos, Fenton, Munoz and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values-honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Serritos, Fenton, Munoz and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented to Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Army Spec. Cynthia L. Ahern has graduated from the utilities equipment repairer advanced individual training course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

Ahern is the daughter of Margaret L. Burns of Oak Lawn.

Ahern learned to perform maintenance, test, repair, adjust, and inspect gasoline engine systems, utility equipment and special purpose support systems; including bottle cleaning /charging stations, air conditioning electrical and vapor systems, refrigeration unit electrical systems, portable heater fuel/electrical systems, and fire extinguisher rechargers and valves.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Alonzo D. Baker, a 1997 graduate of Harold L. Richards High School, Oak Lawn, recently contributed to relief efforts on Guam during a Western Pacific deployment while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, homeported in Yokosuka, Japan.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Mark A. Sikes, son of Lisa A. and Mark D. Sikes of Oak Lawn, also recently contributed to the same relief efforts on Guam.

Sikes joined the Navy in November 1997.

Sailors aboard Baker's and Sikes' ship joined members of the Fleet Activities Yokosuka community setting up field galleys to aid those whose homes were battered by Super Typhoon Pongsona, which hit Guam with winds of 180 mph.

Carriers, like USS Kitty Hawk, are deployed around the world to maintain U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would be aggressors, and are equipped with the most versatile and powerful weapons and aircraft available.

For more information about the deployment or for high resolution photographs, visit USS Kitty Hawk web site at www.kittyhawk.navy.mil or the Navy news stand at www.news.mil/local/cv63.

Marine Corps Reserve Sgt. Brian J. Leahy, a 1996 graduate of St. Laurence High School, Burbank, recently received the Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal while assigned with Battery B, 1st Battalion, 14th Marines, 4th Division, Marine Corps Reserve Center, Joliet.

Marine Corps Reserve Cpl. Steve Marcial, son of Florinda C. and Guadalupe H. Marcial of Chicago, also recently received the same Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal while assigned to the same center.

Marcial is a 1995 graduate of Brother Rice High School of Chicago and joined the Marine Corps Reserve in December 1996

Leahy and Marcial received the medal for honest and faithful service while actively participating in the Reserve Program for a three-year period.

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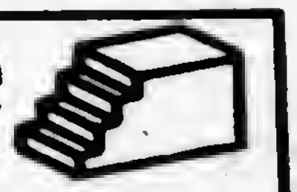

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Elizabeth Ann Doody Gorman

Gorman becomes 17th district commission

Commissioner Gorman was born February 19, 1965, the second of four children raised by Carolyn and Larry Doody in their modest bungalow on the southwest side of Chicago. Liz graduated high school from Mother McAuley and went on to receive a degree in marketing from St. Mary's College in Minnesota.

Liz returned home and began her career in business. Thriving in the competitive world of small business and personal insurance sales, and later creating her own insurance agency, which she still manages today. The Commissioner and her husband together own and operate Dodge of Midlothian and All About You Day Spa in Worth.

Since Liz was elected to the 17th District County board on November 5, it has been her goal to put into action a district wide advisory board that she would stay in constant contact with the Mayors to develop a closer relationship to each individual municipality and the needs of the constituents of those municipalities.

Commissioner Gorman will be serving on the following committees: Administration, Business and Economic Development, Construction, Education, Environmental Control, Labor, Litigation, Real Estate, Tax & Revenue, Oak Forest Hospital, Public Health, Law Enforcement & Corrections, Family Court and Juvenile Detention Center, Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations, and Veterans. Commissioner Gorman is also the Chair for the committee on Industrial Claims. Liz also serves on the following committees for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County; Annexation, Finance, Litigation, Tax & Revenue, Legislation & Intergovernmental Relations, Recreation, Botanic Gardens, Zoological.

Liz is the mother of three sons ages 9,8 and 4. As a career woman she is juggling all areas.

Bogdanov directs

Chicago Shakespeare Theater presents William Shakespeare's play of unbridled jealously, vengeance, forgiveness and the resilience of the human spirit-The Winter's Tale, directed by co-founder of the English Shakespeare Company, Michael Bogdanov. Performances for the Winter's Tale begin March 22, and are scheduled to run through June 1, 2003.

One of the most respected, and at times most controversial, directors of Shakespeare in English theater, Michael Bogdanov returns to Chicago Shakespeare to direct the Thater's third production iin its 2002 2003 subscription series. Chicago theater audiences first came to know Bogdanov's work at the International Theatre Festival in 1987 when his English Shakespeare Company toured here with The Wars of the Roses. He returned to Chicago to direct a provocative production of Timon of Athens for Chicago Shakespeare Theater in 1997, which garnered Jeff Awards for Best Director and Best Production. Last spring he staged The Canterbury Tales at The Guthrie Theater. Upcoming projects include a documentary for the BBC marking the 50th anniversary of Dylan Thomas' death, entitled The Milkwood Effect and a musical version of The Thornbirds (Dornenvogel) for Theater des Westens in Berlin, scheduled to open in 2004.

King Leontes suspects his queen of adultery and, breaching all laws of nature, man and oracle, orders her imprisoned, his boyhood companion slain, and his newborn daughter cast out to the wild. Death hides from Leontes what is closest to his heart until the passage of time can help recover what is lost. In this mythic place and story, the seasons' rhythms find echoes in the journeys of two families as death and grief give way to life and love.

At press time, the cast of The Winter's Tale includes: John Reeger as Leontes; Barbar Tobersoon as Hernione; Kevin Gudahl as Polixines; Susan Hart as Paulina; Greg Vinkler as Camillo; Tony Dobrowolski as Antigonus; Zack Gray as Mamillius; Bob Scogin as Old Shepherd; Joe Foust as Young Clown; Johanna McKenzie Miller as Perdita; Brian Hamman as Florizel; John Lister as Lord Cleomenes; David Lively as Lord Dion; Carolyn Hoerdemann as Mopsa; and Chavez Revine as Dorcas.

The design team for The Winter's tale includes: scenic design by Derek Mcclane; lighting design by Robert Wierzell; sound design by Scott Myers; costurme design by Claire Lyth; and property design by Pamela L. Parker.

The Winter's Tale begins previews on March 22, the press opening on March 30, with performances scheduled to run through June 1, 2003. Preview performances are March 22, 25, 26, 27, and 28 at 7:30 p.m. with a 3:00 p.m. matinee on March 23. The general performance schedule following the opening night performance is a s follows: Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m. with a 1:00 p.m. matinee on Wednesday (No performance scheduled on 4/8, 4/10. 4/22. and 5/6) Friday at 8:00p.m., Saturday at 4:00 and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. (additional sundey 7:30 p.m. performance on 4/13 and no performance scheduled for 5/18).

Ticket prices are $38 for preview performances, $48 for regular Tuesday through Thursday performances, and $58 for regular performances Friday through Sunday. For more information about performances or events at Chicago Shakespeare Theater and to purchase tickets, call the Chicago Shakespeare Theater Box Office at (312) 595-5600 or visit the Theater's website at www.chicagoshakes.com.

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Chamberlain's new novel, *Kiss River* will be available in hardcover in February.

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VFW Patriot's Pen Winners Announced

Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Chicago Ridge Post No.177, Chicago Ridge, presented awards to the seven school winners of the VFW Patriot's Pen contest at Finley Jr. High School located in Chicago Ridge. Patriot's Pen, (formally the Youth Essay Contest) is an annual written essay, on a given patriotic topic for all 7th and 8th grade students.

This year's school winners are Jana Mazan, Rebecca Meyers, Katelyn Arndt, Amanda Hankes, Thor Tabbdillo, Phil Demma, David Hettiger. Each school winner was awarded a $100 US Savings Bond at a school ceremony. There is one school winner allocated for every twenty-five contestants.

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CER releases directory

Jeanne Allen, president of the Center for Education Reform (CER), the nation's leading charter school resource, announced the release of the eighth edition of the National Charter School Directory 2003, the only guide of its kind. The Directory offers current information on the expansion and development of charter schools since the passage of the first charter school law more than a decade ago.

The Directory profiles the 2,695 charter schools that are operating for the 2002-2003 school year, serving 684,495 students in 36 states and Washington, D.C. Another 84 schools that already are approved to open for the 2003-2004 school year are also profiled.

This year's Directory notes a number of firsts: schools opening this year in Indiana and Wyoming make their debut, and in another first, a Louisiana charter opened on an active military base to serve military families and the neighboring community.

A new feature in this edition includes a separate section for specially-focused schools that address the needs of parents seeking a particular focus or curriculum including schools that are: Arts-based, Core Knowledge and Montessori.

This year finds more than 1.8 million people involved in charter schools showing strong grassroots support proof positive that charter schools have become a vibrant part of communities nationwide, noted Allen. Charter schools continue to offer parents attractive options to the traditional district schools: charters are usually smaller and proportionally serve higher numbers of students typically under-served by the district system.

The comprehensive Directory contains important school data including: school contact, phone number, enrollment figures, grades served and a description of each school's program. Website addresses are listed where available.

Copies of the National Charter School Directory 2003 can be obtained exclusively by contacting CER. To order a copy by phone call (202) 822-9000 or order on-line at http://www.edreform.com. The price for the Directory is $67.95 + shipping/handling. NOTE: The Directory is not available on-line or in an electronic format.

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Tax deferral programs for retirees

Maria Pappas, Cook County Treasurer and Pat Matarrese, President of the Teamsters Retirees Club Local 705 (third from left) were quite a duo as they sang God Bless America with the music of harmonica aficionados Tony and Ziggy. Treasurer Pappas was the keynote speaker at the meeting attended by more than two hundred retirees that were interested in a property tax deferral program. Pictured left to right are treasurer Pappas, Tony Armano, Pat Matarrese and Ziggy Bela.

St. Rita honors 25th Anniversary Prep Bowl Championship Team

25 years later-Members of the St. Rita's 1977 Prep Bowl Championship Team: Front row from left: Steve Tapey (Park Ridge); Mike Murphy (Chgo-Beverly); St. Rita President/Principal Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA; Former Coach Ray Jagielski (Chgo-Brighton Pk.); Jeff Taylor (Tinley Pk.); Scott Craig (Orland Pk.); Former Coach John Berry '64.
Back row from left: Pat Bayers (Frankfort); Marty Stracchia (Oak Lawn); Matt Witry (Chgo-Mt. Greenwood); Mike Rafalin (Chgo-Scottsdale); John McGowan (Evergreen Pk.); Lance Krajacic (Ann Arbor, MI); Luke Gapper (Lockport); Mary Gallagher (Chgo-Scottsdale); Former Coach John Buckley (Chgo-West Lawn); St. Rita Development Director Mike Zunica (Palos Pk.)

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Oak Lawn's oldest historic building to be demolished

By Matt Mayer

The February 11th Oak Lawn board meeting commenced with the approval of regular meeting minutes of the January 28, 2002. The board approved trustee Streit to preside as chairman over the board meeting in the absence of Mayor Ernest Kolb.

Trustee Jerry Hurckes reported that a senior bus agreement has been reached through the village of Oak Lawn and Pace to replace the current eight year old bus which is nearing the end of it's useful life. Trustee Hurckes initiated contact with several agencies including Pace, that through the office of Congressman William Lipinski, he was able to reach this goal and a brand new senior bus is on its way to Oak Lawn for the sum of $1 a year. Trustee Hurckes went on to thank the Congressman's office, Pace as well as the negotiations by village manager Joseph Faber as well as thanking Mayor Ernest Kolb, trustee Marjorie Ann Joy complimented the public works department on their work with the broken water pipes especially during the recent cold spell.

The board approved an ordinance amending/increasing the number of class "F" liquor licenses (beer & wine only) which can be issued in the village of Oak Lawn for Portillo's Hot Dogs, Inc. at 4000 W. 95th St. The Oak Lawn village code for class "F" liquor licenses which can be issued in the village of Oak Lawn shall be increased from 3 to 4. This increase reflects the issuance of a new class "F" liquor license for Portillo's.

The board also approved an ordinance amending decreasing the number of class "H" liquor licenses which can be issued in the village.

The village code for the number class "H" liquor licenses which can be issued by the village has been decreased from 20 to 19. This decrease reflects the termination of the class "H" liquor license issued to FSK Corp operating as Chicago Street Pizza at 5651 West 95th St. due to the closing of the business.

An ordinance approving a proposed 7 unit planned development with variations at 10357 S. Pulaski was opened to discussion per trustee Marjorie Ann Joy.

Trustee Joy expressed concern that this building would be too large for the size of the property, which also would not allow enough green space. The board approved this ordinance 5-1 with trustee Marjorie Ann Joy dissenting.

An ordinance approving the official zoning map of Oak Lawn was opened to discussion by trustee William C. Keane expressing concerns in regards to map designations. A motion to carry this over to the next meeting was approved unanimously.

The board approved an ordinance calling for a public hearing and joint review board meeting to consider designation of a redevelopment project area which entails redevelopment plan and redevelopment project for the [illegible] TIF district. The president and the board of trustees designated Tuesday April 8th, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will be held in the municipal center board room for the purpose of conducting a public hearing. A copy of the proposed redevelopment plan and project [illegible] office of the village clerk [illegible] since January 28th, 2003. The joint review board [illegible] first meeting on March 4, 2003 at 6:30 in the board room.

An ordinance authorizing the purchase of Cook School property at 9526 S. Cook Avenue was opened for discussion at the request of Trustee Marjorie Ann Joy. Trustee Joy requested that the village [illegible] Cook School [illegible] Village manager Joseph Faber stated that the [illegible] Real Estate Corp is willing to sign a letter stating that they do not require any property from the building and that they have no [illegible]. Faber also stated that Mayor Ernest Kolb requested the [illegible]. Faber also stated that the village will be allowed to have as many parts of the building, many of which are historical value.

Trustee Streit stated that he could support the purchase of Cook School for the purpose of renovation. However he could not support the purchase of Cook School for demolition. Streit stated that there is approximately 100 years of history as well as the oldest public building in the village. The board passed an ordinance authorizing the sale of the Cook School property at 9526 S. Cook Ave.

The ordinance passed 5-1 with trustee Streit dissenting. The purchase price of Cook School is $700,000. The Park District will be the benefactor of this sale. The Clerk's office is open Saturdays, February 22 and March 8 from 9:00 am to noon and voter registration closed Tuesday March 4th at 5:00 pm.

Joe Faber to speak

Joe Faber, Village Manager of Oak Lawn will be the guest speaker at the Oak Lawn Rotary Club on Monday, February 24, 2003. He will give a detailed account of recent commercial real estate developments and new businesses coming to Oak Lawn. There will be time reserved for questions and answers. All are invited to attend this very informative meeting at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 94th & Cicero Avenue. This is also a great opportunity to find out more about Rotary and the fellowship it offers to both men and women. Lunch will be provided and begins at 12:15 p.m. with Mr. Faber following. Price for non-members, $12. For more information, please contact Chuck Goethe at (708) 346-8802 or Dave Kolbak at (708) 361-0500.

Open Mic Night

Clear your throat and dust off that guitar. It's time to show us what you've got. The Mt. Greenwood Historical Society will be giving you a chance to read a poem, play an instrument, sing a song, or just tell a joke at "Open Mic Night." Mark your calendar for February 24, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Mt. Greenwood Library, 11010 S. Kedzie, Chicago. Sign in to perform that night! Performers will be allowed ten minutes. For more information, contact Janet Wildman at (773) 881-8668 or [illegible]@yahoo.com.

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Evergreen Park Library news

Fundraiser

The Evergreen Park Public Library invites you to purchase a Carson's Community Day ticket from the library for the cost of $5.00 per ticket. The ticket of coupons is valid at any Carson Pirie Scott location and the coupons may be used for almost any merchandise purchased in the store and 100% of the ticket price stays with the EP Library. Carson's Community Day will be on Saturday, March 1st and all stores will open at 8:00 a.m. Bring your camera to the Carson Pirie Scott location at The Plaza between 1:00-4:00 p.m. to take a picture with WINNIE THE POOH! There will be special story times and activities with WINNIE!

Guide Dogs for the Blind

Dawn Wiese will present the program from Guide Dogs for the Blind on Saturday, February 22 from 10:30 a.m. until Noon at the The Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy Ave.. Evergreen Park Lions Club will answer your questions about helping the sight-impaired before and after the program. Register by calling (708) 422-8522.

Some one to know

Hickory Hills resident Laura "Kay" Gannette filed her petitions on January 13th for 2nd Ward Alderman of Hickory Hills for the upcoming April 1st Consolidated election. Laura Gannette has been married to Joe for 22 years and they are a daughter, Nicole and a son Joe.

Community service and participation in many community activities, events and committees has been a large part of Laura's life for the past 18 years in living in Hickory Hills. She feels her "leadership and problem-solving skills" is the basis of her campaign platform. Laura Gannette-Dedicated Wife, Mom, Neighbor, Friend, Hickory Hills Citizen, Business Owner-Future Alderman [illegible]

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Publisher's Pen

by Annette Dixon

Two individuals from Village View staff have successfully accomplished their goal. Steve [illegible], circulation department, not only gives Village View great delivery but delivered his team, Saturday Night Live, a perfect score.

In December at Palos Bowl on Southwest Hwy. Steve bowled a 290 game first and two weeks later bowled a 300 game giving him that same night a 826 series. That qualified him for three rings, one for a 290 game on December 14th and a 300 game and series on December 28th. This guy really had everyone eyeing him for his graceful stature of 6'5" hitting his last strike for the 300 game. Steve stated, "it was unnerving for me; for everyone in the bowling alley stopped and congregated behind me. There was complete silence. It was so exciting, but I had to stay concentrated."

John Riccardi, our salesperson will continue to stay on as a part time sales person, even though he became General Manager for NTS Trailer Sales and Service in Lemont. Congrats to both men for a successful journey.

Seven Astronauts going on a journey [illegible] their country [illegible] performance [illegible]. They had confidence in [illegible] that Columbia would be safe. Investigations are still taking place.

Our prayers are with the families of Michael Anderson, Laurel Clark, Ilan Ramon, Richard Husband, William McCool, David Brown and Kalpana Chawla.

The seven astronauts served our country well and they completed their mission. Village View commends them for their bravery and wallows in sorrow for their loss.

The Sheriff's Office in Cook County mentioned in a recent news release that 1600 citations were issued for the following: 516 ticketed for no proof of insurance; 382 ticketed to drivers with suspended or revoked license offenses and 180 to drivers without proper vehicle registration. There were also 40 motorists ticketed for DUI.

All these tickets were issued for the sake of utilizing at random roadside safety checks in Cook County.

Then again some innocent victims also are penalize for these at random checks. For example in Will County, especially anyone traveling northeast on 57 from Champaign were stopped at a [illegible] stop [illegible] in Will County due to the [illegible] in Champaign.

How [illegible] would [illegible] along the road, which many people [illegible] rest stops.

We were not aware of the roadblock mainly because we don't go to the games, we visit our grandchildren who live in Champaign. My mother and I asked to go to the last rest stop before we get into Cook County. Big mistake number one. Richard, the driver took off his seat belt so he could be first into the bathroom. As approaching the roadside check an officer signaled him to drive forward to the next officer after reaching the window. My husband approached the 2nd officer with card pull over to the curb the women have to use the washroom. While we were gone Richard had not left the side of the car nor did the police do anything about getting back to us. Rick proceeded to use the washroom and the police officer waited until he returned. He asked for his drivers license checked for insurance and did not do an inspection. I do know that Richard received a ticket [illegible] that was the way it is. The first officer for the safety check [illegible].

That's all [illegible]. What is your experience or comments do you really believe that the police are checking your car for safety.

At random checks are different than set up and I believe these roadside checks are different than pit stop checks. Those who use the rest stops really need them and I believe the innocent will be punished and the guilty will be free.

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"Company" comes to Porchlight

Porchlight Music Theatre Chicago, one of Chicago's most critically-hailed and rapidly growing mid-sized theatre companies, presents Stephen Sondheim's Tony award - winning musical company from March 8 – May 4 at the Theatre Building, 1225 W. Belmont, in Chicago.

An honest, witty, sophisticated look at relationships, Company tells the story of a bachelor named Bobby and the effects that five affluent married couples living in his Manhattan apartment building have on his life and his concept of the single life. As the play opens, Bobby is celebrating his 35th birthday. It seems everyone but Bobby is married or getting married and all eager for their bachelor friend to follow suit. Not ready to take the plunge and content to enjoy the life New York City has to offer someone who is unattached, Bobby sees his friends fight, plan affairs, talk of divorce and take refuge in drugs and alcohol. It's enough to make Bobby question his desire to join the ranks of the married. Based on a series of one-act plays by George Furth, Company features a brilliant, energetic score containing many of Sondheim's best-known songs including: "Ladies who Lunch," "Another Hundred People" and "Being Alive".

L. Walter Stearns directs a cast that includes Charlie Clark (Porchlight's Merrily We Roll Along), Meghan Falica (Porchlight's Promises, Promises), Rebecca Finnegan, Matthew Gunnels (Porchlight's Merrily We Roll Along) and Lina Kernan. Musical direction is by Jeff Citation winner Eugene Dizon and choreography is by Katrina Williams Brunner (Porchlight's Children of Eden and Promises, Promises). The design team includes sets by Robbie Hayes.

Porchlight Music Theatre Chicago, originally founded in 1995 as Porchlight Theatre, has become known for producing engaging musicals with a focus on new works and inventive adaptations. A non-equity, not-for-profit organization, the company has staged 20 shows, including four world premiers and four Chicago premieres. The critically hailed and rapidly growing mid-sized theatre company has received 16 Joseph Jefferson Citation nominations, as well as four Jeff Citations and six After Dark Awards.

Company runs from March 8 - May 4 at the Theatre Building, 1225 W. Belmont. Tickets are priced at $23. Students and senior tickets are $19. Tickets can be purchased at the Theatre Building box office at (773) 327-5252.

The performance schedule is as follows: Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Saturday matinees are scheduled for April 19, 26, and May 3 at 3 p.m.

For more information on Porchlight Music Theatre Chicago, call (773) 325-9884 or visit www.porchlighttheatre.com.

Worth Senior Spring Fling

Purchase tickets at the Village Hall. Come have lunch and play bingo. March 20, 2003 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. $5.00 per person at 115th & Beloit - Terrace Centre. You must be a Worth Resident.

Trip to the Isle of Capri Casino

Join the Burbank Park District as we travel to Bettendorf, Iowa to enjoy the fun of Las Vegas style gambling aboard the Isle of Capri Casino. You may try your luck on table games such as Blackjack, Caribbean Stud, Craps and Roulette. If it's slots you want, then the Isle of Capri Casino has plenty to choose from. The trip includes coachline transportation, 2 gaming sessions and a lunch buffet, $5 cash back. Register soon. This trip takes place Friday, March 7. The fee is $ 15 and the bus will depart at 8:00 a.m. and return at 7:00 p.m.

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St. Bernadette celebrates Catholic Schools Week

Children of all ages enjoyed the annual Scholastic Book Fair held during Catholic Schools Week at St. Bernadette School, Evergreen Park. Pictured above is Katie Moore shopping for her reading material. Below, Second grade student Melissa Moore and her mother. She reviews materials on Melissa's Wish List. Several hundred people visited the fair on Sunday and Monday of Catholic Schools Week.

For more information, please contact Sr. Evelyn McKenna, Assistant Principal (708) 422-6429 x 260

Tribute to Mae West

"Opportunity knocks for every man but you have to give a woman a ring" quipped Mae West, the Hollywood legend named by UCLA as the most quoted woman in history, and the subject of Mary Anne Buckholter's tribute show to be performed at Bridgeview Public Library, 7840 W. 79th St., Bridgeview, on Tuesday, February 25, 2003 at 6:30 p.m.

Mary Anne Buckholter has portrayed West for over 12 years, and her tribute show includes the star's comedy and anecdotes as well as rarely performed songs and Buckholter's own acclaimed talent for improv comedy and audience participation.

No need to pre-register. Just come and join us.

OFHS offers Computor Class

Oak Forest High School is offering members of the community the opportunity to gain basic computer skills by enrolling in the school's Community Computer Class. The class will cover an introduction to basic computer skills as well as use of the Internet and e-mailing. The class will meet four times on February 26th, March 5th, 12th, and 19th in Room 110. All classes will be from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The cost of the class is $30 for community members and $25 for senior citizens. An Oak Forest Computer Instructor will teach the class and all materials will be provided. Registration will take place during the first night of class on Wednesday, February 26th.

Please call the main office of the high school at (708) 687-0500 for more information.

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Beverly Montessori School has open house

The public is invited to Beverly Montessori School's open house on Sunday, March 2, 2003 from 11am until 2 pm. The school, located at 9916 South Walden Parkway, in Beverly, follows Dr. Maria Montessori's theories of developing the child's love of learning through discovery.

The Beverly Montessori School offers a half day (two or more) programs for children 3 to 6 years of age and an extended day for kindergarteners.

Visitors to the Open House will be able to walk through the classrooms, see the classroom materials and ask questions of the school staff.

Registration for the fall is now open. Early registration is recommended. Applications and information can be obtained at the Open House or by calling the school at (773) 239-7635.

Bremen dist. #228 directory published

Bremen High School District 228 is working with Harris Publishing to produce an alumni directory for each of its four schools including Bremen High School, Tinley Park High School, Hillcrest High School, and Oak Forest High School. If you are an alumnus and would like to update your information, please call the special telephone number listed below for the school you graduated from: Bremen High School (800) 518-7466, Tinley Park High School (800) 310-2610, Hillcrest High School (800) 251-8262, Oak Forest High School (800) 238-0858.

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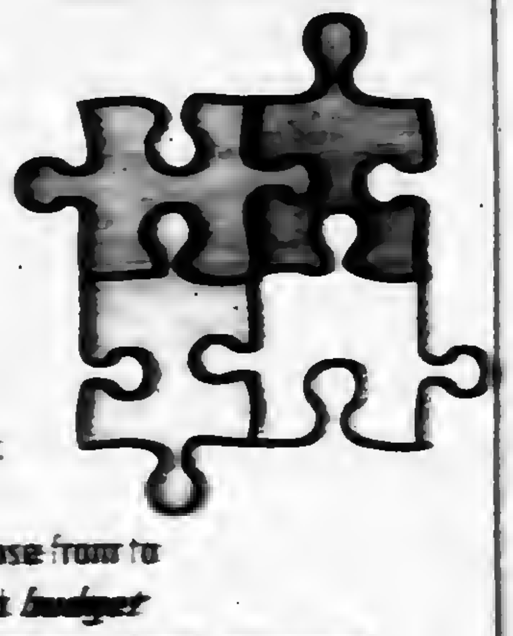

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Off the beaten path in Florida

by [illegible]

Do visions of Florida dance in your head as the cold winds of winter come blowing your way? There's a new kid on the block of vacation destinations in the Sunshine State that just might be the answer to your longing. On a trip to Orlando we discovered there was more than Walt Disney World and Universal Studios to make Orlando the world's most popular tourist destination.

Seminole County, only 30 minutes north of Orlando, must be one of Central Florida's best-kept secrets. But change is in the air! To help celebrate its 125th anniversary, this sleeping giant of natural beauty, with its historical, cultural and culinary amenities is waking up and opening up its arms to visitors. The 344 square mile Seminole County is bordered on three sides by the 342 mile-long St. John's River and the spring-fed Wekiva River.

With some 2,000 freshwater lakes, lush forests, cypress swamps, diverse ecology, and a spectacular zoo, it is no wonder the county is dubbed "Florida's Natural Choice."

Our visit this past September coincided with a special 125th Anniversary celebration, the Sanford Heritage Festival, held in Historic Downtown Sanford (the county capitol) and the lakefront. Yes, Sanford has a Lakefront, a charming two-mile version of ours in Chicago!

On Friday evening as we boarded the Rivership Romance on then Sanford dock for a Moonlight Dinner/Dance Cruise down the St. John's River, the sky was lit up by a ravishing sunset.

When we returned in the dark, over three hours later, the sky was ablaze with the bursting of Festival fireworks and the glowing lights of the carnival's carousel. Sanford's Lake Monroe, is actually a bulge in the St. John's River that forms the northern border of the county. With water temperature ranging from 60 (winter) to 80 (summer) degrees, it is a favorite of boaters and fishermen.

If you are a history buff, there is much to learn the three free local museums. Did you know that Sanford was once called, the celery capitol of the world? After an 1895 freeze destroyed the citrus crops, celery took its place until the 1950's.

Henry Sanford, a Belgian, came to Sanford to develop the area as a gateway to South Florida by building a railroad out on the lake because the boats got stuck in the shallow water.

Development is everywhere today. We stayed at the new Marriott Lake Mary Hotel, the anchor building is what is to be a whole complex of stores and restaurants, but Seminole County offers a wide variety of accommodations (www.visitseminole.com).

Like theater? The Helen Stairs Theater, lovingly restored by Helen Stairs (whom we met at a performance) has a year around program of artistic events ([illegible]). Like good food? Dining can be an [illegible] experience in Seminole County. We sampled a luscious French feast at Maison & Jardin, a Mediterranean villa in Altamonte Springs. Sitting on five acres of landscaped gardens and ringed by towering oaks the restaurant, along with an exquisite French menu, offers over 1300 varieties of wine. (407-962-4410) or www.maison-jardin.com.

For lunch and gourmet Northern Italian cuisine with an unbeatable tomato sauce there was Palazzo Italiano in Lake Mary (407-321-3333). An authentic English "High Tea" was the treat at Sanford's charming The Rose Cottage Inn (407-323-9448).

Spirit Airlines has just made it easier to get to Seminole County with expanded services at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport to Orlando, Florida.

Did you know that Seminole County is only 45 minutes from Daytona Beach and less than one hour from the Kennedy Space Center as well as close to Disney World?. A Perfect location for a fun-filled vacation!

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"Post - Revolutionary Chinese Composers" Concert

Performing Arts Chicago and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago present Fulcrum Point New Music Project's "Against the Current: Festival of Art and Music." These three concerts, presented in conjuction with the Art Institute of Chicago, use contemporary and classic works of music and visual art to examine the always-timely responsibility of the artist in times of social and political conflict — speaking out against oppression, standing up for justice, and inciting rebellion within unjust societies. Each concert is accompanied by a privately-led tour of relevant works from the Art Institute's collection. The first of these event, Post-Revolutionary Chinese Composers, will be held Tuesday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the School of the Art Institute of Chicago Ballroom, 112 S. Michigan Ave. Tickets are $20 which includes the privately-led tour of related artwork which departs at 5 p.m. from the Art Institute's Michigan Ave. entrance. Purchase your tickets by calling the PAC box office at (773) PAC-LINE (772-5463), at www.PAChicago.org or through tickets.com.

Post Revolutionary Chinese Composers explores the works of Chinese and Chinese-American composers who have seamlessly blended the music of their homeland with the complexity of contemporary chamber music. During the Chinese cultural revolution, artistry itself was under attack. The ruling party sent talented young composers, now internationally recognized, to labor in the country. Each of the pieces on this program, all Chicago premiers, reflects upon a repressed national identity. Led by Artistic Director Stephen Burns, Fulcrum Point will perform Academy Award-winning composer of Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon Tan Dun's memorial 19 F***s: (a memorial to injustice); the U.S. premier of Aenon Loo's into inside; Bright Sheng's Tibetan Dance; Qu Xiao-Song's Ji #1 (Still Valley); and Chen Yi's Sparkle. Soprano Tony Arnold, winner of the 2001 Gaudeamus Award, and mezzo soprano Julia Bentley will join Fulcrum Point as featured soloists.

The program opens with Qu Xiao-Seng's Ji #1 (Still Valley), a spacious soundscape evocative of traditional Chinese paintings. Born in 1952 in China, Qu Xiao-Song was sent to the countryside for four years during the Cultural Revolution, where he worked as a farmer. After teaching himself the violin, he became a violinist and violist with an opera orchestra in his hometown of Peking. He graduated from the Central Conservatory of music in Beijing in 1983 and was invited by Columbia University to be a visiting scholar in 1989, and has remained in New York since. Qu has received commissions from the Holland Festival, the Swedish Folk opera, the Hong Kong Instrumental Orchestra and Boston Musica Viva, among many others. His works range from pieces written for solo guitar to operas.

Next, Fulcrum Point will perform Bright Sheng's Tibetan Dance. Born in Shanghai, China, Bright began piano studies with his mother at the age of four. During the Cultural Revolution, he worked for seven years as a pianist and percussionist in a folk music and dance troupe near the Tibetan Border. In 1978, when universities reopened, he was one of the first students accepted by the Shanghai Conservatory of music, where he earned his undergraduate degree in music composition. He is the recipient of the renowned Mac Arthur Foundation Fellowship as well as numerous awards received in China, Europe and the United States.

The concert continues with Into Inside, by Aenon Jia-en Loo, a graduate fellowship student at Columbia University in New York. He was awarded best composition in the Hong Kong New Generation in June 1999 and first prize of the Asian Composer's League Young Composer Award for his piece Last Days, hommage a Messiaen in August 2000. Into Inside is a digital recording of exotic electric sonorities, described by the composer as "into an inner cosmos particles disintegrating: reflection, duplication, polarization, between sizzles, cracks, [illegible], inside loose rhythms of static, self-referential patterns, pulsating, flickering, spinning."

Following Into Inside is Tan Dun's Memorial 19 F***s: (a memorial to injustice). A recipient of the prestigious Grawemeyer Award, Tan's works have been performed by orchestras and ensembles across the globe. His compositions include Crouching Tiger Concerto, based on his Academy Award-winning film score for Ang Lee's Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, Ghost Opera, which has toured worldwide with the Kronos Quartet, the Orchestral Theatre series, a four-hour orchestral exploration of multi-cultural and multi-media, and Symphony 1997 (Heaven Earth Mankind), which premiered with cellist Yo-Yo Ma and was broadcast around the world to commemorate the unification of Hong Kong with China. Joining Fulcrum Point for this piece will be special guest soprano Tony Arnold. Arnold was thrust into the international spotlight when she became the first vocalist ever to be awarded 1st Prize in the prestigious Gaudeamus International Interpreters Competition in Holland. Soon after, she took top honors in the Louise D. McMahon International Music Competition in the U.S.

Finally, Fulcrum Point will perform Chen Yi's Sparkle. A native of Guangzhou, China, Chen Yi was born into a family of doctors with a strong interest in music. She began violin and piano studies with Zhang [illegible] and Lee Sun Sin at the age of three. When the Cultural Revolution overtook China, she tried hard to continue her music studies, practicing violin at home with the mute attached. She was sent into forced labor in the countryside for two years, but took her instrument along. The experience gave her a richer knowledge of the life and music of her motherland and its people. Chen is the recipient of the prestigious Charles Ives Living Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters and has been the Lorena Searcy Cravens/Millsap/Missouri Distinguished Professor of Composition at the Conservatory of University of Missouri-Kansas City since 1998.

Pictured is Jessica McQuillin with her project on how sugar affects memory.

Lisle residents eligible for bottled water

Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced additional residents who live near a Lisle manufacturing firm charged with soil and groundwater contamination are eligible to receive bottled water. Lockformer is an equipment manufacturer.

In an order entered yesterday in Du Page County Circuit Court, Lockformer Co. agreed to provide bottled water to 19 additional households supplied by private wells. The homes are located south and east of Lockformer, 711 Ogden Ave., Lisle. Tests conducted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency indicate that some of the wells may be at risk of excessive levels of trichloroethylene (TCE), a cleaning solvent once used at Lockformer in its manufacturing process.

The Attorney General's office and DuPage County sued the company two years ago alleging that spills of TCE through the years contaminated the soil and groundwater on company property and beyond. Honeywell International now owns the company that delivered TCE to Lockformer and also was named in the suit. Toxicologists consider TCE a possible human carcinogen that can cause various ailments.

"This action will increase the water—and the peace of mind—available to Lockformer's neighbors while the case is in court," Madigan said.

Since early 2001, Lockformer has paid for bottled water to homeowners on private wells in three separate areas south of the plant. The latest order specifies an area of approximately 100 homes in Suburban Estates and three homes on 63rd Street that already are receiving bottled water. It extends the arrangement to "include the area defined as the east side of Walnut Ave. from the south side of 59th St. to College St. and both sides of Saratoga Ave. from the south side of 59th to College St."

St. Bernadette School holds Science Fair

Seventh and Eighth grade students at St. Bernadette School exhibited science projects at the annual science fair. Seventh grade students worked on original experiments for over two months before displaying their results at the fair. Topics ranged from "What detergent removes wine stains best?" to "Do boys or girls have a faster hand reaction time?" to "What water temperature aids a houseplant in growing taller?" The student project included a research paper, a display board with data tables and graphs, and an oral presentation.

Eighth grade students, after completing a study of the periodic table, chose one element to showcase. Students dressed as that element and performed a song, dance or quiz show to share the history, characteristics and uses of the element. The project included a 3-D model of the atom of the element. Highlights of the demonstrations were The Aluminum Quiz Show and The Plutonium Scare Tactics.

Parents and students were invited to view the exhibits at the school during Catholic Schools Week.

Pictured are Janeen Wilkey with her project on the effect of different waters on plant growth and Kevin Toms explaining properties of titanium while dressed as the element.

The only person to win three consecutive Tony Awards in the same category is composer/lyricist Stephen Sondheim who picked up awards for Best Musical Score for Company (1971), Follies (1972) and A Little Night Music (1973).

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whitty
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Puppy Love

It was love at first sight. Hannah, the newest addition to our family has paved a path straight into our middle-aged heart. She's the princess of a pup our eldest daughter hand picked for us as a Christmas gift. And, like a mother hen, I have taken on the role of doting care giver.

Training a new puppy is new to me all over again. I've trained more than a few dogs in my day, but as I begin the process of potty training another pet, I'm looking for tips on how to keep floors and carpets accident free zones in my home. To help me in my quest to be the best mommy master to my four-legged ball of fluff, I bought a puppy training book and quickly realized I didn't need to spend fourteen bucks to refresh my memory. According to the book, there are two winning choices guaranteed to bring success. The first popular choice is to select a room the dog will be free to roam in and cover that entire floor space with newspaper.

The dog cannot fail since anywhere he goes he hits the right spot. The logic is that once you start taking sheets of the paper away, the dog will only sniff out places still covered. When you're down to one sheet you take it outside and - bingo - your clever canine is taking his business outdoors. The thought of a floor covered in yesterday's news and doggy-doo didn't quite seem like the solution for me, which is why I opted for the second popular choice, the "take out the dog even if she "looks" like she's about to sniff the floor method of house training. It seems to be working-the floors have stayed clean and I think I've lost 5 pounds thanks to my perseverance on poop patrol.

Taking care of a puppy in your middle age years has some advantages. Now that the kids are grown a puppy brings new life and welcomed noise to a too quiet house. Two former couch potatoes are now jumping up to take turns trekking out in the brisk January air to frolic with our furry new friend. We stand peering out the back porch window as she takes a nose dive and almost gets lost in a pile of fresh snow. We watch in wonder as she grabs a stray leaf and hops along as if she's got a treasure to savor.

Hannah has been with us a little over a month now. That first week her teeny-tiny paw prints were just dots on a sidewalk dusted with a sprinkling of white, powdery snow. This afternoon I looked again at their impressions in the new fallen snow only to find them replaced by the unmistakable imprint of a dogs paw. I'm old enough to know that time flies by much too quickly, and I've lived long enough to know that being young at heart is all in how you feel. Maybe that's the reason I take great joy in spending time romping with my rambunctious retriever.

And when my daughter calls from college to check in on how things are going at home, I'll tell her the simple truth -- Happy Hannah and company are doing just fine.

Alexandra Stoddard to speak/sign

The Palos Fine Arts Association is pleased to bring author, interior designer and acclaimed philosopher of contemporary living, Alexandra Stoddard to Ruffled Feathers Golf Club in Lemont on Saturday, March 22, 2003. Ms Stoddard, who is a celebrated speaker, has written 22 books and has inspired millions to pursue more fulfilling lives. The lecture and book signing will follow a designer boutique and luncheon beginning at 10:30 a.m. The Great Lakes Bank Charitable Foundation will be the major sponsor of the event which will benefit the McCord Gallery Cultural Center. Programs are made possible through the generous support of benefactors and members of the Palos Fine Arts Association and partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council. Tickets are available for $30 by calling (708) 671-3755.

The Palos Fine Arts Association was formed in June 1984 by a small group of Palos Park residents who organized to present programs and highlight community artists. The Co-founders of the group were Cynthia Weglarz and Cathy Holmes.

At present, we have 20 council members. The background of our members range from teachers, business owners, artists, musicians and volunteers. The membership is approximately 350 from Palos Park, Palos Hills, Palos Heights, Orland Park, Worth and Frankfort areas.

Our mission statement follows: The Palos Park Fine Arts Association is organized to integrate the arts into community life by providing culturally-based programs and by supporting artistic goals and achievements.

Committee Structure: Scholarship, Strategic Planning, Marketing, Public Relations, Membership, Programs, Finance, Nominating.

Outstanding Events presented: Art in the Park & Jazz Fair / Workshop (9/86), Sights & Sounds of the Sea (5/87), Matt Lamb Exhibit & Illinois Philharmonic String Quartet (2/89), Palos Village Players 50th Anniversary Gala (10/91), Quilted Tapestries Exhibit by Charlotte Bass (10/93), "The Spirit of Palos" Photographic Exhibit at Robert DeCaptio Gallery at Moraine Valley Community College, "Women in Music" concert and "By Women Only" art exhibit (2/96), River North Dance-sponsored High School workshop (5/96), "Cuadas Classicas" Fiesta Concert in the Park (8/97), Artrain (Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit "Art of Celebration!" (5/99), "Artrain Community Days" 3-day art & music festival (5/99), Experience the Arts in Palos-October 2000, '01 & '02, Palos Sings! - Community Choral Concert-October 2000, '01, & '02, Drawing from the Classics (3 part series) - Jan-March 2002, Alexandra Stoddard Lecture/Book signing - March 2003.

O.F. students head for state

Robert Morris Technical Center in Orland Park was the recent site of the Business Professional of America area competition. Mrs. Bonnie Clark, teacher and sponsor of the Oak Forest BPA chapter announced the names of the students that qualified for the Illinois State BPA Competition to be held in Oak Brook, Illinois on March 6th, 7th, and 8th. The students that placed first in area events were: Laura Clark, Shawna Singrin, Angie Weinert, Jackie Foss, Jeremy Rose, Christopher Costantino, Jeff Kurek, Taylor Busse, Jennifer Lyons, Brittany Baitman, Dan Sander, Tara Howley, and Claire Grimm. Second place winners were: Adam Davis, Shawna Singrin, Amanda Stawychey, Katie McCartney and Adam Davis. Jeremy Rose and Jeff Kurek took third place honors while Ashley Bozzi and Clare Grimm received fourth place honors. Mrs. Clark was very pleased with the number of students that qualified for the state competition and is confident that many of the Oak Forest students will qualify for Nationals.

Belated Valentines senior social

The Oak Forest High School Interact Club is sponsoring a belated Valentine's Day Social for the senior citizens of Oak Forest and surrounding communities. Admission is free and according to the club's sponser Mr. Brian McDonough there will be plenty of free food, entertainment and fun. The menu will consist of mostaccioli with meatballs, salad and homemade desserts. A D.J. will be on hand for those who would like to dance and there will be decks of cards available for groups who want to play a lively game of cards. All interested senior citizens should plan on attending the social on Sunday, February 23, 2003 from 2-5 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. For more information call the school at (708) 687-0500, extension 3785.

Marist bowling team captures championships

After being behind by four games in their match against Richards High School, the Marist High School Bowling team regained their composure and went on to win all of the remaining games, then take the Conference Championship by a score of 8-4. The January 27th victory was the biggest comeback in the history of Marist Bowling and earned the team's first conference championship since 1995.

Leading the scratch team was senior Tony Gallelli with a 618 series. He was followed by junior Anthony Perna with a 615 series and sophomore Paul Blackburn with a 595 series. Leading the handicap team were junior Matt Germann who rolled a 687 series and sophomore Paul Aragona with a 576 series.

In addition, on January 30, the team continued its dominance within the Southwest Suburban Bowling Conference by taking first place in both divisions of the Annual Baker-style Team Tournament. The Marist A team bowled a 210 and 199 in their final two games as they edged out a narrow victory over the top bowlers from H.L. Richards High School by only two pins. The B team rolled a 166 and 174 in their final games as they, too, defeated a group of talented bowlers from Richards.

And finally, junior Matt Germann won the first place trophy in the handicap division of the Southwest Suburban Bowling Conference's Individual Tournament on February 6.

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Theater Alive with Georgean

"THE EXONERATED" at the Shubert Theatre, Chicago, is written by Jessica Blank and Erik Jensen and stars Marlo Thomas and Brian Dennehy.

This is the story of more than 40 people who were interviewed in person or by phone who had been sentenced to death, or spending anywhere from two to 22 years on death row, and were subsequently found innocent and freed by the state. These interviews form the core of "THE EXONERATED." Authors Jessica Blank and Erik Jensen traveled across the United States and sat in people's living rooms as they related the most amazing stories they had ever heard. The authors stressed that they spent countless hours viewing dusty files of affidavits, depositions, false interrogations and court transcripts. For staging purposes, the authors condensed, added, theatricalized and combined dramatic or comedic moments for presentation. The vast majority of the piece is 5, 10, or 20 years ago.

In Hammond, Indiana, the Genesius Guild will produce "MAN of LA MANCHA" from March 1 to March 16. My friend and superactor will make his debut there. We have been seeing John Buss in productions around the area for years. In fact, I first met John when we worked together performing on stage.

It is important to note the new season at the Steppenwolf Theater in Chicago, the best professional theater around. "TOP DOG/UNDERDOG", a Pulitzer Prize winning drama that explores the tense but loving relationship between brothers. It opens the 2003-04 season.

Also, Chicago Shakespeare Theater has announced its 2002-2003 subscription season. Artistic director Barbara Gaines will direct "LOVE'S LABOR'S LOST", opening September 13, with "JULIUS CEASAR" opening December 15. All productions are performed at Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier. You can call (312) 595-5600 for more information.

Lower your tax bill

Are you an unmarried individual supporting one or more persons on one income? The IRS has a filing status for you. If you qualify as "head of household" for tax filing purposes, you may pay less tax and single individuals supporting themselves.

Unfortunately, many individuals don't realize they can file as head of household, and they end up paying more tax than necessary. According to the Illinois CPA Society, if you are unmarried at the end of the year, and maintain a household for a child, parent, or other relative, and are a U.S. citizen or a resident alien, you may be eligible.

As head of household, your tax rate will be lower than the rates for single or married filing separately and you will also receive a higher standard deduction. The rules tend to be somewhat complicated but are worth review to see if you qualify. Be aware, however, that you must meet all of the qualifications.

YOU MUST BE UNMARRIED AT YEAR END. you are unmarried if you are single or legally separated from your spouse, according to your state law, under a divorce or separate maintenance agreement. You may be able to file as head of household even if you were not divorced or legally separated from you spouse in 2002 if your spouse was not a member of your household at any time during the last six months of the year, you are filing separate returns and you maintained a household for more than half the year for a dependent child, stepchild, or adopted child and you furnish more than one-half the cost of maintaining the household.

You paid more than half the cost of keeping up your home. You must have paid more than 50 percent of the cost of maintaining the household for a qualifying relative for the year. Eligible expenses for upkeep include rent, mortgage interest, real estate taxes, homeowners insurance, repairs, utilities, and food eaten in the home. Be sure you keep detailed records of the amount you spend as well as the total expenses. While the costs of clothing, education, medical treatment, vacations, life insurance, or transportation are not included, they are considered in calculating whether you may claim the child or relative as a dependent.

A "QUALIFYING" PERSON LIVED IN YOUR HOME. You must have maintained your household for a qualifying person who lived with you for more than half the year. Your unmarried child, adopted child, grandchild, or stepchild is a qualifying person, even if he or she is not your dependent, as long as he or she lives with you. If your child, adopted child, grandchild, or stepchild is married, he or she must be your dependent to be a qualifying person. Any of the following relatives you can claim as a dependent and who have lived in you home for more than six months may qualify as well: parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, in-laws, and, if related by blood, an aunt, uncle, niece, or nephew. You cannot file as head of household if the qualifying person is your dependent under a multiple support agreement.

In determining whether a dependent relative lived with you for more than half the year, temporary absences, such as being away at school or serving in the military, are counted as time lived in your home.

HOW TO FILE. To file as head of household, you can use Form 1040 or Form 1040A. Indicate your choice of this filing status by checking the appropriate box, and use the head of household column in the Tax Table to compute your tax. If you're not sure whether you qualify for filing as head of household, a CPA can help you determine your eligibility.

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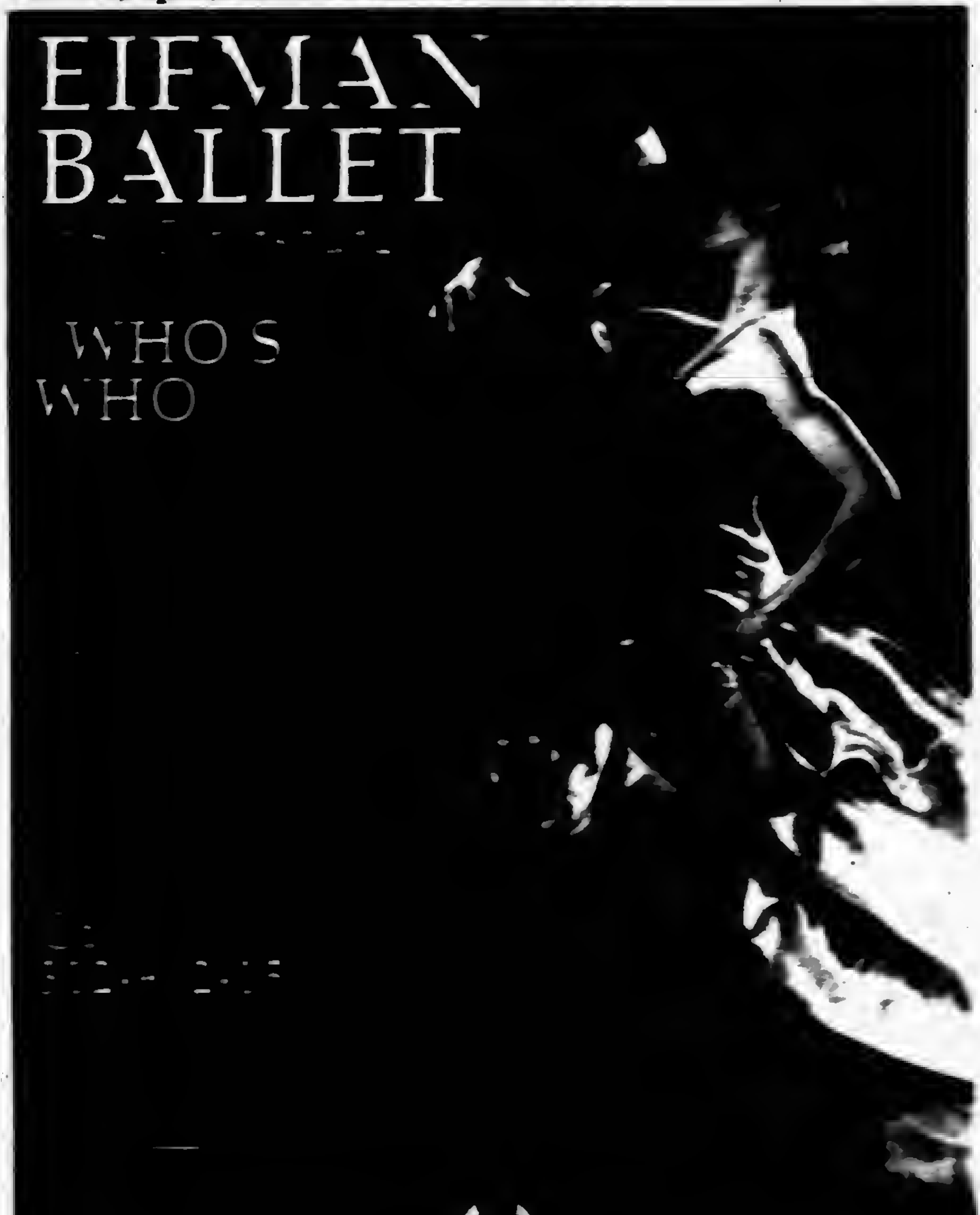

Antiques & Collectibles

By Anita Gold

Q. Where can I find information on, and the value of silver jewelry made in Siam, Italy, Peru, Sweden and other foreign countries? Jill Pearson, Green Bay, WI

A. A terrific book which covers such jewelry from about 30 countries, fashioned from silver and embellished with colorful stones, turquoise and other handcrafted artwork, and which includes thousands of unmarked pieces and those produced by approximately 100 American and over 150 foreign manufacturers with their trademarks and national silver standard marks, histories, invention and patent numbers, plus online vintage jewelry outlets, auction houses, and much more is "Collectible Silver Jewelry-Identification and Value Guide" by Fred Rezazadeh available in a large 240-page hardcover edition, with 950 color photos, and hundreds of marks and trademarks, for $ 27.95 postpaid from Collector Books, P.O. Box 3009, Paducah, KY 42002 -3009. You'll love this book which uncovers lots of mysteries regarding such pieces and their prices.

Q. Where can I find information on antique bedroom, living room, and other types of antique furniture and their origin, as well as their current values? Maxine Roberts, Green Bay, WI

A. Two outstanding, recently published new books, which picture, and fully describe each and every piece with all their parts, and features, and includes their current values, is "The Big Book Of Antique Furniture-With Up-To-Date Pricing" by David P. Lindquist and Caroline C. Warren, available in a huge edition for $ 23.99 postpaid from Krause Publications, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990-0001. Or phone (800) 258-0929 toll free to order. Another book (good to take along when antiquing) is the "Furniture Field Guide - Values and Identifications" by Mark Moran, available in a 512 page small size edition, for $16.95 postpaid from Krause Publication, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990-0001. Or phone (800) 258-0929 toll free to order. Still another book (loaded with hard-to-find information, detailed photos, and an invaluable chapter on Reproductions and Adaptations plus a glossary of furniture styles with their specific characteristics) is "Antique Furniture - A Basic Primer on Furniture - Featuring 25 Distinct Periods With a Chronology of Furniture Styles In England, France and America" (which was first printed in 1926 by a company that reproduced antique furniture in every detail, and that was reprinted in 1999 from the original edition) available in a highly educational, easy-to-understand edition for $15.95 postpaid from Ace Enterprises, P.O. Box 595354, Chicago, IL 60659. This book is great for identifying furniture (often found in old homes) thought to be authentic antiques.

Q. I have been collecting Amberina glass (circa 1960-70) for about two years, and have around 75 pieces. Where can I find information, or maybe a book, as to the various patterns, designs, and value of these pieces? Frances B. Rodgers, Batesville, ARK.

A. A nice, big, thick outstanding new book that'll tell you everything you want to know about Amberina glass, as well as Amberina Plated glass, with their history, identifications, descriptions, measurements, pattern names, and current values - some being worth astronomical four-figure sums - is the 4th edition of "Warman's Glass - A Value & Identification Guide Fully Illustrated and Price Guide to More than 200 Types of American and European Glass for ABC to Zanesville, with Histories, References, Clubs and Museums" edited by Ellen T. Schroy. It is available in a huge 440-page hardcover edition online, in bookstores, or for $28.95 postpaid from Krause Publications, 700 E. State St. Iola, WI 54990-0001. Or phone (800) 258-0929 toll free to order.

Write Anita Gold, P.O. Box 597401, Chicago, IL 60659; enclose a self - addressed stamped envelope. Due to the high volume of mail, not all letters can be answered, but priority will be given to those that include a copy of the column and the name of the paper in which it ran.

New class at Burbank Park District

Kapow! Bump, Set & Kapow! Our goal is to improve your overall game with drills and practice games. This class is great for beginners and those who want to practice for upcoming leagues. This class begins February 18th and will be from 6-7 p.m. for grades 1-4 and 7:15-8:15 for grades 5-8. The fee for this class is $24 for residents and $33 for non-residents. This class is for 4 weeks!

Social Security - a comedy

The Palos Village Players will open their 2003 season with SOCIAL SECURITY, a comedy by Andrew Bergman. The performances are Feb. 21, 22, 28, March 1 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. in the Little Theater of Palos South Middle School, 131st and 82nd Avenue. The play tries to answer the question, "what do you do with your aging, widowed, and impossible to get along with mother?"

Jean Mann (Palos Park) plays the golden ager in question. She is in the care of her two daughters, Terese Griffin (Lemont) and Sharon Schillaci (Palos Park) and their respective spouses played by David Goodie (Lemont) and Lee Weinke (Hickory Hills). It takes the amorous intentions of an elderly artist, Jim Vlanning (Orland Park), to bring peace to this dysfunctional group. Peg Crawford (Palos Heights) is the play's director and David Benigno (Palos Park) is producer.

Tickets are $12 with a $2 discount for students and seniors. Call (708) 403-4421 or (708) 479-3262. There is also a Sunday brunch / theater package available at Hackney's Restaurant for Feb. 23. Call (708) 448-8300 for information and reservations

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All you can eat dinner

If you like spaghetti, then join us at the United Methodist Church of Worth, 7100 W. 112th St. on Saturday, March 8th between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. All you can eat! Dinner includes, garlic or plain bread, tossed salad, soft drink, and dessert. Carry-outs are also available. Adults, $5.00, children 5-11, $3.00, and children under 5 are free.

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Jeffrey Toth, Marist call of 1988 and Stefani Barounes outside Marist High School after the proposal on December 21, 2002.

1988 Marist Alumnus comes back to propose

It was 1987 when Jeffrey Toth and Stefani Barounes first met outside the Marist High School gym after a mixer. She was a 15 year-old student at Mother McAuley High School and he was a 16 year-old attending Marist. A strong friendship, which lasted throughout their high school and college years, grew out of that meeting. However, their communication eventually became limited to reunions or holidays back at home on the southwest side.

Flash forward to the year 2000 when Stefani looked up Jeff's phone number to get back in touch, only to find out he lived right in her Chicago neighborhood. The two renewed their friendship and began dating. On December 21, 2002, Jeff brought Stefani back to Marist High School, got down on one knee, and proposed marriage at the very spot where they had met 15 years earlier.

"Marist holds such a special place in Jeff's heart because he attributes so much of his success to his high school experience and the good influence it had on him. Marist is very much a part of our lives and I love that he brought me back there to propose. It was very sweet, I was very surprised!" explains Stefani.

Jeff and Stefani are planning a summer 2004 wedding in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

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(NAPS)—Quesadillas can be easy to make at home and you can load them with delicious ingredients such as scrumptious Mexican avocados, chicken and cheese. For recipes that use Mexican Hass avocados and for serving ideas, send a stamped, self-addressed, business-sized envelope to: Mexican Avocado Recipes, Lewis & Neale Inc., 40 East 21st Street, New York, NY 10010.

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Saturday, February 22, Chicago Theaters. Chicago residents had a unique opportunity to jump into the movie mania that developed and flourished between the two World Wars. Most of the major theater architects were Chicagoans, and some of their finest work was built in Chicago. Visit a few of these exemplary buildings on a tour that focuses not only on the architecture of theaters, but also on the personalities that developed them.

The tour departs via motor coach from the Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph Street at Michigan Ave. at 10 a.m., returning at 3 p.m. The cost of the tour is $50 for adults, and $45 for seniors, students and children. This tour includes lunch.

For reservations, to receive a full 2003 schedule of tours or to plan a group tour for 35 people or more, please call (312) 742-1190. The schedule is also on view at our website, www.chgocitytours.com. Gift certificates are available. The Chicago Office of Tourism, a division of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, presents Chicago Neighborhood Tours.

Austria in Oak Lawn

Tickets are now on sale for the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's spring production of The Sound of Music. This musical-first performed in 1958-was the final collaboration between composer Richard Rodgers and lyricist Oscar Hammerien. Set in pre-World War II Austria, it tells the story of Maria Rainer, a free spirited postulant, who is sent to care for the seven children of Captain Von Trapp, a wealthy, widowed naval officer.

In the Oak Lawn production, the husband wife team of Billy and Gina Vitucci from Mokena will portray Captain Von Trapp and Maria. Portraying the seven Von Trapp children will be: Kelly Rowe of Chicago (Liesl); Ryan Quick of Evergreen Park (Friedrich); Molly Gallagher of Richton Park (Brigitta); Dan Moore of Chicago (Kurt); Meredith Marunc of Westmont (Louisa); Marisssa Mehalek of Midlothian (Marta); and Luizza Vitucci of Mokena (Greti). In addition to an adult ensemble, two ensembles of 38 children each will perform in alternate production.

"Sound of Music" is simply a great story and a wonderful show," says Paul Nirchi of Orland Park. "We know the community will completely enjoy it."

Nirchi and Oak Lawn's Dave Heilmann are the show's executive producers. Mike Knezz of Homer Glen is the show's producer, and Charlie Misovye of Chicago Heights is the show's director and choreographer. The assistant director is Angela Mehalek of Midlothian, the music director is Liz Griffin of Palos Heights, the conductor is Bill Hansen of Chicago and the set designer is Gil Oliva of Burbank.

Performances are scheduled for March 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 21, & 22 at 8 p.m.; March 90 and 16 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.; March 23 at 3 p.m. at the Oak View Center, 4635 W. 110th St. Limited tickets are available. Ticket prices are $16 for adults, $15 for seniors and $14 for children. For more information or to reserve tickets, call (708) 857-22 or e-mail theatre @olparks.com. Box office hours are: Mondays 8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Tuesdays through Fridays 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; and Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Advocate Christ Medical Center's March programs

Advocate Christ Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, has scheduled the following community education classes and support group meetings for march. To register or for more information, call Christ Medical Center's Health Advisor at (800) 323-8622 (unless otherwise noted) and refer to code number listed.

Diabetes Education Classes

Free outpatient diabetes education classes are offered in day and evening sessions at the Family Practice Center, 4140 Southwest Highway, Hometown. Two-session day classes will be held the first Tuesday and Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m.; two-session evening classes will be held the second Tuesday and Wednesday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. Registration is required no later than the Friday before the sessions begin. Code: 1D01

Blood Pressure Tests

Free blood pressure tests, provided by the medical center's cardiac conditioning nursing staff, will be offered to employees and members of the community from 2 to 3:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month, except holidays, in the Senior Advocate office, located near the main lobby of the medical center. Educational literature is available. Code 1S04

Prescription Analysis Service

A free "brown bag" prescription drug analysis service will be offered from 2 to 3:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month, except holidays, in the Senior Advocate office, located near the main lobby of the medical center. By bringing in their prescription drugs, participants will receive detailed information from a registered pharmacist about the medications' benefits, side effects, possible drug interactions and instructions for use. No registration required. Code: 1S04. For more information, call the Senior Advocate office at (708) 346-4150.

Post-Polio Support Group

A support group for people who have had polio will meet at 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month in the medical center's Percy Hopkins Auditorium. Meetings are free and family members and friends are welcome. No registration required.

Happy Hearts Support Group

A support group for individuals who have undergone open-heart surgery or have heart disease will meet at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the medical center's Percy Hopkins Auditorium. Meetings are free and family members are welcome. Blood pressures are offered before the meeting from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Code: 1C07

Pediatric Diabetic Support Group

A free support group for children with diabetes and their parents will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month from October through May in room 2176 of Advocate Hope Children's Hospital. No registration is required; however, attendees are limited to children with diabetes and their parents. Code: 1D03

Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders Support Group

A free support group for individuals who are suffering from an eating disorder will meet at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. For more information and location of the meeting, please call (708) 388-5413

Alzheimer's Support Group

A free support group for families dealing with Alzheimer's and other diseases related to aging will meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Evergreen Healthcare Center, 10124 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park. No registration required. For more information contact Frank Kowalik, Director of Resident Services at (708) 229-3059.

Easy Breathers Pulmonary Support Group

A free support group for individuals dealing with any chronic lung disease will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. the third Monday of the month in the medical center's Percy Hopkins Auditorium. No registration required.

Sharing the Journey-formerly New Beginnings

Small group sessions for individuals who have experienced the death of a significant person in their lives will meet at 7 p.m. the third Monday and at 1 p.m. the third Friday of the month in the medical center's Percy Hopkins Auditorium. No registration required.

Caring Connection

Small group sessions for parents who have experienced the death of a child either through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death will meet at 7:30 p.m. the third Monday of the month in the medical center's Harbor Room. No registration required.

Congestive Heart Failure Support Group

A free support group for persons with congestive heart failure and their families will meet at 2 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the medical center's Four Seasons Room. No registration required. Code: 1C06

Prostate Cancer Support Group

A free support and education group for men who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer, and their families and friends, will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the medical center's Percy Hopkins Auditorium, B and C. No registration required. Code: 1C15

Parents of Children with Special Needs Support Group

A free support group for parents or caregivers of children with special needs, including autism, will meet to share information and concerns at noon the third Wednesday of the month in room 2176 of Advocate Hope Children's Hospital. Code: 1P01

Look Good...Feel Better

A free workshop, provided by certified/trained cosmetologists, teaches female cancer patients hands-on cosmetic techniques to help restore their appearance and self-image during chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Women learn about makeup techniques, skin care, nail care and options related to hair loss, such as wigs, turbans and scarves. The program is held from 4 to 6 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the medical center's Red Room. Code: 1C17

Breast Prosthesis Display

This informative display provides women who have undergone mastectomy the opportunity to evaluate prosthesis options. Display session will be offered from 6 to 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the medical center's Red Room. Code: 1C11

Breast Cancer Support Group

A free support group for women who have a history of breast cancer and their families will meet at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the medical center's Red Room. Code: 1C14

P.O.P.S. (Pediatric Oncology Parents Support)

A free support group for parents or caregivers of children with cancer will meet at 7:30 the third Wednesday of the month in room 2176 of Advocate Hope Children's Hospital to support each other and help families of newly diagnosed children cope with their stress. No registration required. Code: 1P08

Senior Breakfast Club

Area seniors are invited to attend a free presentation from 8:30 9:45 a.m. the third Friday of the month. This program is part of a monthly series of free talks by the Senior Advocate department. Registration is necessary. Code: 1S01

Arthritis Support Group

In partnership with the Illinois Arthritis Foundation, a free support and education group for individuals with arthritis and their families will meet at 11 a.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at Peace Memorial Church, 10300 W. 131st Street, Palos Park.

Mall Walkers Program

As part of the Mall Walkers Program, Advocate Christ Medical Center offers free monthly lectures and occasional health screenings at Ford City Mall, 7801 S. Cicero Ave. at 9 a.m. in the North Room the last Tuesday of the month. Participation in the program is free and open to the public. Code: 1C00

Parent of Children with Autism Support Group

A free support group for parents or caregivers of children with autism will meet to share information and concerns at 7 p.m. the last Thursday of the month in room 2176 of Advocate Hope Children's Hospital. Code: 1P02

Additional Programs offered

Teen Alcoholics Support Group

A free 12-step support group for teenagers who have an alcohol addiction. The group meets Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. No registration required Code: 1X01. For more information, call Christ Medical Center's Health Advisor at (800) 323-8622

Babysitting Classes

The staff of the newborn nursery offers babysitting classes periodically at Advocate Christ Medical Center and at the Christ Wellness and Education Center in Orland Park. Open to boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 16, these sessions are offered from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for a one-day class, or 8 a.m. to noon for a two-day class. At this American Red Cross class, participants learn to be responsible babysitters. Topics covered include child growth and development, accident prevention, basic first aid and Heimlich maneuver. The cost is $25. Code 1P05. For next available class and to register, call Christ Medical Center's Health Advisor at (800) 323-8622.

Healthcare Provider CPR Course

The Center for Prehospital Care at Advocate Christ Medical Center offers CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) classes every month. The medical center offers the "Healthcare Provider" course at a cost of $50 and participants must attend both sessions to become recognized as a CPR provider. Those requiring recertification need only attend the second session for $45; CPR card must be current and must be presented at class. Participants may purchase a $5 microshield at class to be used to protect against communicable diseases when administering CPR. Registration is necessary as class size is limited. Code: 1C03. For more information on the next available CPR class and to register, call Christ Medical Center's Health Advisor at (800) 323-8622.

Emotions Anonymous

A free 12-step program for people who have had or are having emotional difficulties meets from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday in the medical center's Park and Michigan Rooms and every Friday in the Harbor, Park and Michigan Rooms. No registration required. For more information, call Christ Medical Center's Health Advisor at (800) 323-8622.

Overeaters Anonymous

A free support group for people who are compulsive eaters meets every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon in the medical center's Harbor Room. The only requirement for attendance is a desire to stop eating compulsively. For more information or to register, call Christ Medical Center's Health Advisor at (800) 323-8622.

John B. Boss of Oak Lawn portrays the title role in the musical play-within-a-play, "Man of LaMancha". The musical will be presented March 1st to 16th by the Genesius Guild of Hammond at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 6635 Hohman Avenue in Hammond, Indiana, just minutes from the south suburbs. For tickets and information call (877) 724-7715.

"Man of LaMancha" presented in Hammond

Genesius Guild brings the musical play-within-a-play, based on Cervantes' "Don Quixote," "Man of LaMancha" to the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 6635 Hohman Avenue in Hammond, Indiana. Performances are March 1st to 16th. Curtain is at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Show only tickets are reserved and are $10.00. Students and senior citizens are admitted at $8.00. The theatre also offers a dinner and show package on Saturday, March 8th for an additional $10.00 per person. Seating for all shows is reserved and limited. Call (877) 724-7715 for tickets.

Ed Griffith (Crown Point) stages the musical and Buzz Burns (LaPorte) handles the musical direction of the score with music by Mitch Leigh and lyrics by Joe Darion. The choreography is created by Lynn Werth, with fight sequences assisted by John B. Boss. Sets are designed by Larry Hinken (Hammond). Costumes are designed by Jean Bernius (Highland) and the company.

Anchoring the cast, playing the triple role of Cervantes, Quixana, and Quixote is theatre veteran John B. Boss (Oak Lawn), who reprises the role, he and his leading lady Lynn Werth (Crete) played together in 1997. Werth portrays the role of Aldonza, the kitchen wench who, in Quixote's eyes is the lady Dulcinea. Dale Wasserman, the author of the play pays tribute to the indomitable soul of Miquel de Cervantes, the man who wrote the book, Don Quixote. In seeking to "right the un-rightable wrongs," Quixote the noble night, and his devoted sidekick, Sancho, played by Bryan Conger (Portage) seek to demolish the repression of joy and find beauty in everything they see.

Boss is no stranger to audiences throughout the state of Indiana. In the late 1980's he toured as a professional puppeteer with the Cole Marionettes providing string puppet shows throughout the many schools in the entire state. He also made several appearances at Bear Creek Farms Musical Theatre located in Bryant, about an hour south of Ft. Wayne. Many audiences may remember him from his numerous appearances at Theatre At the Center in the days when it was managed by Martin Kappel and Gary Giacomo. Boss also has quite a history with "Man of LaMancha". When he attended Curie High School on Chicago's south side, back in 1978, he played the youngest muleteer in the ensemble. He fell in love with the score at that time. Since then, he has seen the show a half dozen times, and received inspiration seeing Richard Kiley play the role at the McCormick Place Arie Crown and Lee Pelty play the role at the Candlelight Dinner Theater. Since playing in the ensemble in high school, Boss has auditioned for the role of Don Quixote more than he wishes to admit. In 1992 he was cast in another production of the show with the now defunct Gallery Players in River Forest. He really wanted to do the role of Quixote, but was cast in the role of the Padre. He initially didn't want to do the show, but was pleased with the level of talent who auditioned, so he took the supporting role, and stretched his vocal range to accommodate the beautiful songs, "To Each His Dulcinea" and "The Psalm". Five years later he auditioned for the Drama Group's production of the show and it was between him and one other actor for the role. Director Stacey Louise gave him the part. That's where he met his leading lady, local actress Lynn Werth.

Boss indicates, "Mrs. Werth is a veteran of music and theatre, She has appeared in many triple threat showcases at Theatre At the Center with Pritchard Theatrical Productions, Oak Lawn Park District Community Theatre, and Drama Group. I hoped I'd get the role, just to have a chance to share the stage with her."

Boss says, "I have to say that Lee Pelty has long been associated with the role of Don Quixote in Chicago and across the country for as long as I can remember. When Drama Group rented the armor costume from Broadway Costumes in Chicago, all of the armor had Pelty's name in it to identify it. I almost changed it to Boss. I didn't, but if Genesius rents the same suit, this time I'm going to change it. I think people should see other performers play roles and I'm hoping to make a good impression on the Hammond audiences with Ed and Buzz's passion for direction."

The play is replete with inspired songs such as "It's All The Same," "Dulcinea," "I'm Only Thinking of Him," "I Really Like Him, "Little Bird," and of course, "The Impossible Dream".

The characters which Cervantes introduces in his story, which he uses as his defense for a kangaroo court, are the Duke/Carasco, played by Steven Becker (Crown Point), Padre, played by Charles Jonathon Kay (Homewood), Innkeeper/ Governor, played by Larry Hinken (Hammond), Antonia, played by Amy Cash (Portage), Housekeeper, played by Amanda Lynn Dietrich (Hammond), the Barber, played by Matt Courtright (Highland), and Maria, played by Sondra Hinken (Hammond). Playing multiple roles in the story are Rhonda Terpstra (Griffith), David Weier (Lynwood), Phil B. Chancellor (Hammond), Marq Johansen (Crown Point) and Matt Zipko (East Chicago).

Genesius Guild's production features a full orchestra and an intimate setting which allows you to experience the story of a dying man whose impossible dream takes over his mind. His dream is Everyman's dream, his tilting of windmills is Everyman's great adventure. He personifies romantic idealism. Somehow, when the footlights disappear, time is telescoped and "Man of LaMancha' speaks for humankind. For tickets to this wonderful tale, call (877) 724-7715.

Historical Collection

Did you ever wonder what the Mt. Greenwood Historical Society has in its collection? Now is the time to check it out. The history of Mt. Greenwood's businesses, schools, churches, organizations, and people have been preserved throughout the years by the historical society. The society's vast collection includes photographs, newspaper clippings and memorabilia. Our collection is utilized for research, newspaper articles, exhibits and displays. On Monday, February 24 at 6:45 p.m., the Mt. Greenwood Historical Society's collection will be available for viewing by the public in the small meeting room of the Mt. Greenwood Library, 11010 S. Kedzie, Chicago. For more information, contact Janet McBride at (773) 881-8168 or mghistorical @yahoo.com.

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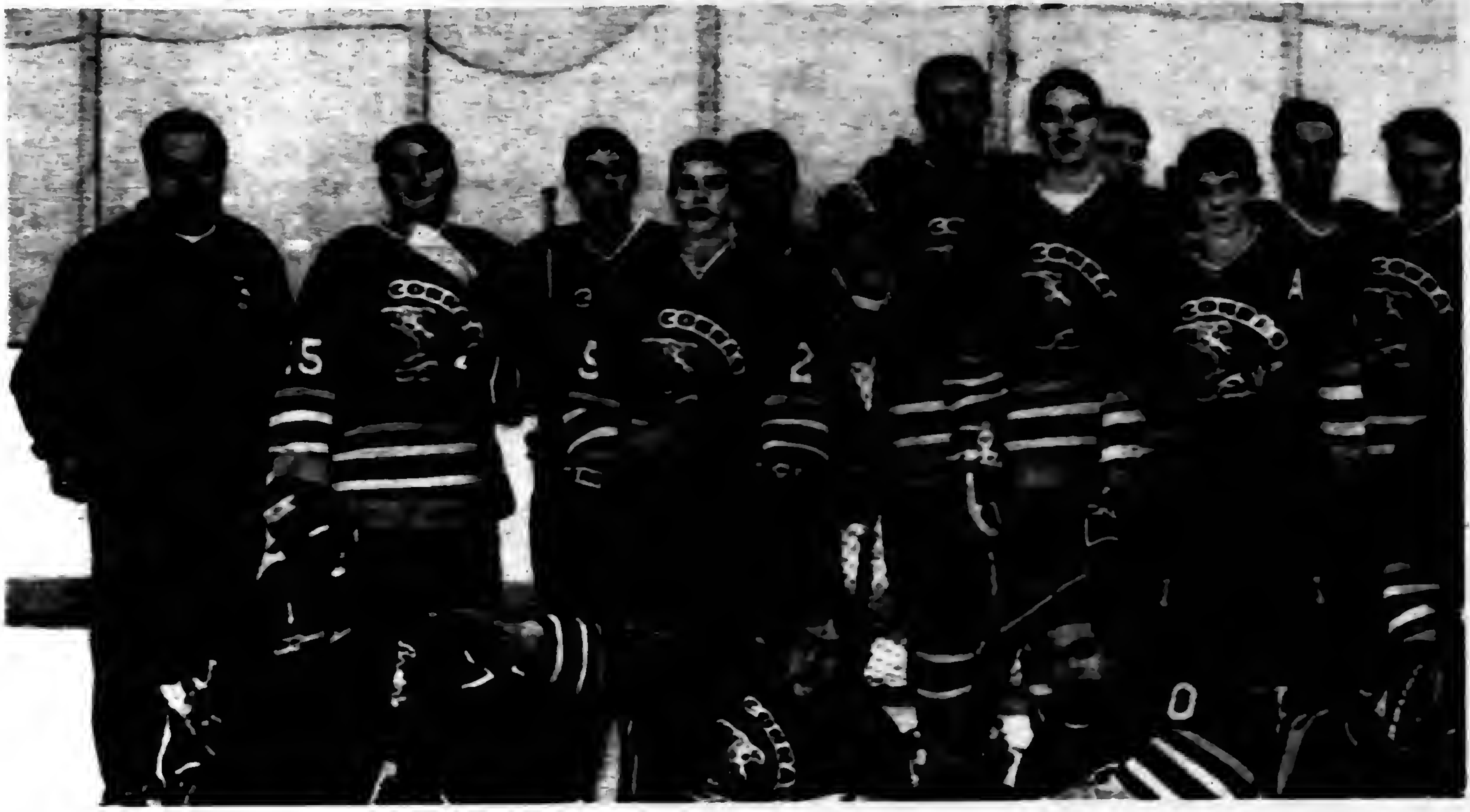

The club was started by parents in 1997.Mrs. Hassan from Evergreen Park was one of the parents that started the team. The 1st year it was a Junior Varsity team and they won the championship. The Cobras is a combined Highschool team from Sheppard, Oak Lawn, Richards and Evergreen Park. We have a J.V. team this year and hope to have a J.V. team and a Varsity team next year. We play in 2 leagues, SICHA and IGHL.In IGHL in the white division we are in 1st and in SICHA we are in 1st.We have 19 players on the team from the 4 highschools and they are coached by [illegible] Ed Bendek Assistant Jack [illegible] Players are #10 Scott Divirgilio, #7 Mike Reichert, #8 Chris Orcuf, #10 Mike Covarrubias, #12 [illegible] Coffey, #14 Derek DeDecker, #16 Anthony Martinez, #17 Bob Cole, #18 Nick Klaczynski, #19 Todd Moore, #21Mike Harper #22Jeff Bollinger #25 Ed Bandermer #66Nick Bendek, #77 Mike Fanjoy #80 Jason Pappolo, #91 Nick Chigas #92 John Hojek #15 Jordan Helstern. Any incoming freshman in these schools interested in playing for the Cobras can contact Bob Reichert 708-389-9780 or Drew DeDecker 708-422-9046 or visit our website www.cobrahockey.com for more information.

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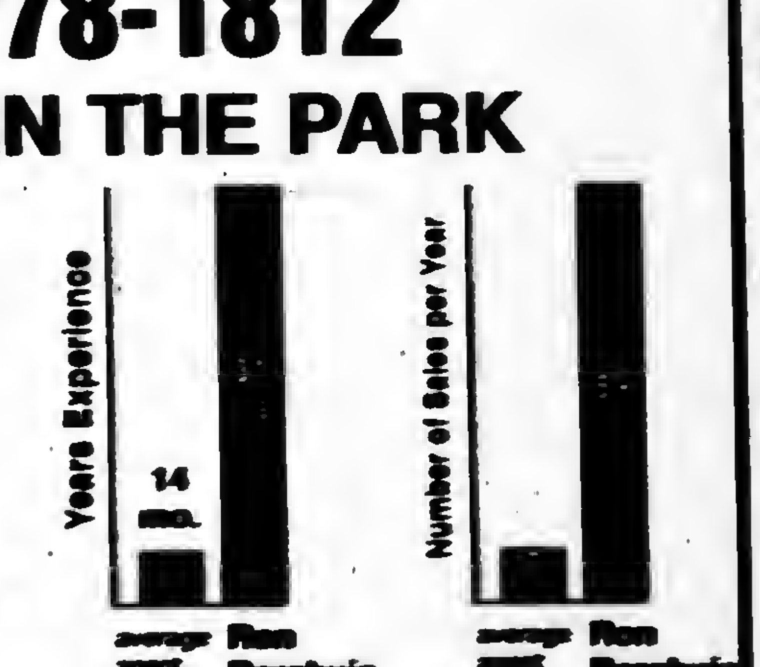

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Peace holds blood drive

Seniors at Queen of Peace High School donated 60 pints of blood during their annual blood drive held at the school in January. Each year, seniors sponsor a blood drive as their senior class service project, handling the planning and administrative details for the event including meeting with a representative of LifeSource, advertising the event to their classmates, and assisting the day of the event.

3rd grade Fire Safety Course

The eighth annual third grade fire safety activity course will soon be here. On Saturday March 8, 2003; fifteen classrooms of third graders are invited to the Evergreen Park Fire Department fire station, 9000 South Kedzie Avenue to compete in the fire safety course. Every third grade student in the public or catholic schools can participate. Classrooms finishing first through sixth will receive a ribbon. The contest starts at 9:00 a.m. and finishes at approximately 1:00 p.m. The student will have to perform eight different fire safety behaviors as quickly as possible. The classroom with the fastest time will win.

To start the competition, the student will be lying down on a sleeping bag. The instructor will sound the smoke alarm. The student will roll off the sleeping bag and crawl through a maze of smoke clouds. After crawling through the maze, they will crawl to a door. the student will have to feel the door to see if it is hot. He/she will be instructed that the door is hot. A hot door means the possibility of a fire on the other side. We do not open a hot door. The third grader will then crawl to a window. At the window, the student will have to unlock, crawl through, and close the window. A window may be our only exit if the door or our pathway to the outside is blocked by fire. Make sure all windows can be opened in your house.

Next, the student will go to a dead electrical outlet. The outlet will have four electrical cords in it. The outlet is overloaded and could overheat and start a fire. He or she will separate the electrical cords from the outlet and put the cords into a power cord. The next task for the student will be a cardboard box representing a stove. The handle of a pot will be moved to the left or right so no one can knock the pot over and burn someone. Another pot will have fake flames coming from it. The student will put the pot lid on the fire to smother the fire. The student will proceed to an exercise mat and perform the "Stop, Drop, and Roll" Technique. Finally, there will be a smoke detector on a table. The student will push down on the test button. When the alarm sounds, the time will stop.

Something as important as fire safety needs to be practiced everyday and all year round. This fire safety course is just one way to bring the fire safety message to our attention. This will be a great deal of fun for both adults and the children who compete. Moms and Dads are welcome to watch.

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MWRD announces elected commissioners for offices

Commissioner Terence J. O'Brien of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, has been re-elected by his fellow Commissioners to serve another two year term as President of the District.

Commissioner Kathleen Therese Meany (right) was re-elected to serve as Vice President, and Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski (left) was re-elected to serve as Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

Your Family Finances

Avoiding Credit Problems

(NAPS)—Do you have a credit problem? To find out, leading consumer lender Household (parent company of Household Finance Corp. and Beneficial) suggests asking yourself the following questions.

- Have you reached or are you close to the limit of your lines of credit?
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- Are you tapping into your savings to pay current bills?
- Do you put off medical or dental visits because of lack of money?
- Do you only have savings equal to less than three months of income?
- Is an increasing percentage of your income going to pay debt?
- Are you unsure of how much you owe?

If you answered "yes" to any one of these questions, it may be time to reassess your credit use. If you answered "yes" to two or more questions, it's time to take steps to actively improve your current financial situation.

To correct minor credit issues, Household recommends taking the following steps:

- **Stop impulse buying**—Only go to the store when you need something specific. Try not to go shopping when you're looking for a "pick me up" as you'll tend to buy things you don't really need.
- **Pay with cash or checks only**—People who use cash to pay for everyday expenses generally spend less than they would using credit cards.
- **Put your credit cards away**—To avoid the risk of charging even more money to your credit cards, take them out of your purse or wallet and put them away. Once your credit card debt is paid off, try to pay all new credit card charges in full and on time each month.
- **Track monthly spending**—To become aware of how you manage your money, start keeping a daily diary of everything you spend. At the end of the month, analyze your spending habits and identify ways you can cut back.
- **Prioritize debt payments**—Calculate how much money you owe. Make up a spending plan that includes payments to cover at least the minimum amounts due on all your loans and credit cards.

To correct major credit issues, Household recommends that you:

- **Talk with your creditors**—Responsible lenders want to help when you have financial difficulties. If you cannot make payments or are going to be substantially late paying a bill, talk to your creditors. Let them know you're having problems but fully intend to pay. Most creditors will work with you to come up with a reasonable plan allowing you to repay your bills over time.
- **Seek credit counseling**—Experienced credit counselors can help you begin to figure out where to cut costs, how to deal with your debts and how to plan a reasonable budget. Two sources of free credit counseling are the National Foundation for Consumer Credit (www.nfcc.org) and the Association of Independent Consumer Credit Counseling (www.aiccca.org).

For additional information about repairing credit and other important financial issues, log onto www.household.com and www.yourcreditcounts.com. You can also write to Household (Corporate Communications, 2700 Sanders Road, Prospect Heights, IL 60070-2799) for complimentary booklets on how to manage credit, spending and savings.

Health Bulletin

FDA Approves First New Class Of ADHD Medication In Decades

(NAPS)—Patients who live with Attention-Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) now have another option to control their symptoms. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently approved Strattera™ (atomoxetine HCl), the first FDA-approved new class of medication for ADHD in decades.

Strattera, developed by Eli Lilly and Company, is the first and only FDA-approved treatment for ADHD that is not a stimulant under the Controlled Substances Act. It is the only treatment clinically proven effective in adults with ADHD, and it works differently than existing ADHD medications. As a noncontrolled option, Strattera minimizes prescription hassles by offering the convenience of phone-in refills and samples from a physician.

"Strattera is unique, because of its different mechanism of action for ADHD; it's the first noncontrolled medication indicated for the treatment of ADHD. It provides full-day relief of ADHD symptoms without causing insomnia in most children and adolescents," said Thomas J. Spencer, M.D., associate professor of psychiatry, Harvard Medical School and assistant chief, Pediatric Psychopharmacology Research Program, Massachusetts General Hospital.

ADHD is one of the most common disorders in young people, affecting three to seven percent of school-aged children. ADHD has three main types of symptoms: inattention, hyperactivity and impulsiveness. Symptoms of inattention include: not paying attention, making careless mistakes, not listening, not finishing tasks, not following directions, and being easily distracted. Symptoms of hyperactivity and impulsiveness include fidgeting, talking excessively, running around at inappropriate times, and interrupting others. Many people have symptoms like these from time to time, but patients with ADHD have these symptoms more than others their age. Symptoms must be present for at least six months to be certain of the diagnosis.

Patients coping with ADHD have a new treatment option. It's called Strattera™ (atomoxetine HCl) and unlike other ADHD medications, it is not a controlled substance.

Kathryn Romney, mother of two sons with ADHD, knows the difficulties that the disorder can cause for children and their families. Prior to their diagnosis and treatment, her children struggled with their inability to pay attention and concentrate at home and in school.

"When the boys did their homework, I had to constantly stand over them and refocus their attention," said Mrs. Romney, whose sons took part in the clinical trials for Strattera.

ADHD causes difficulties for both children and adults in multiple areas of their lives, including family and social relationships, school and work. Untreated, ADHD can cause long-term problems such as substance abuse, trouble holding a job and relating to peers, and low self-esteem. Proper diagnosis by experienced medical professionals and treatment are key for children, adolescents and adults coping with ADHD.

"Effective treatment has made a significant difference in our lives. I have seen an improvement in the boys' behavior and their ability to develop relationships, and they have been doing better in school," said Mrs. Romney.

ADHD is not something that children outgrow. Experts estimate that eight million adults in the United States have ADHD. Recent studies have shown a genetic link for ADHD and in fact, many adults recognize symptoms in themselves once their child is diagnosed. Sixty percent of children with ADHD will exhibit symptoms as adults, although hyperactivity tends to decrease with age.

Strattera offers full-day symptom relief with once or twice daily dosing. This eases the burden of having to take medication during the school day and allows adults convenience in their busy lives. The effectiveness of Strattera was demonstrated in treating ADHD with data from six placebo-controlled clinical studies, involving children, adolescents and adults. More than 4,000 patients have taken Strattera in all completed and ongoing clinical trials, some for as long as two and a half years. Strattera capsules will be available in local pharmacies this January. For more information, visit www.Strattera.com.

Black History Month at The Plaza

The 2nd Annual Arts & Cultural Festival at The Plaza shopping center, 9500 S. Western Ave., Evergreen Park, will celebrate Black History Month by focusing on the artistic talents of African American students in Chicagoland schools. The festival will be held during regular mall hours, Fri., Feb 21 through Sun., Feb. 23 and will showcase original works by children in grades one through twelve.

The festival is co-sponsored by The Plaza and Twin Hicks, Inc., an art company with offices in Chicago and Los Angeles, owned by award-winning African American painters Aaron and Alan Hicks. Other festival sponsors include AT&T Broadband, Chicago Tribune, UPSCALE and V-103.

The student art works depict a significant person or event from African American past, present or future as it relates to excellence among artists and/or musicians. The submissions were selected for inclusion in the event by art professionals, community leaders, and Twin Hicks, Inc. Judging was based on originality, creativity, and interpretation of the theme and design.

The first place winners awarded in each of the four grade categories will receive a college scholarship savings bond; $250 each for grade 1 through 3 and grades 4 through 6; $500 for grades 7 and 8; and $1000 for grades 9 through 12. The top three entries in each grade category will be displayed in the children's art gallery during the festival at The Plaza.

The 2nd Annual Arts and Cultural Festival at The Plaza is designed to promote artistic achievement, increase public access to art and culture, and to promote public participation in and appreciation for the creativity of young artists. For more information, contact Stephanie U. Johnson, Twin Hicks, Inc., (818) 909-6079.

The Plaza, 95th and Western Avenue, Evergreen Park, has upheld the position as a cornerstone of the community for fifty years and continues to offer a family-focused selection of merchandise with emphasis on fashion, quality, and value.

Chicago Premier of "Breath, Boom"

Pegasus Player, 1145 West Wilson, presents the Chicago Premier of BREATH, BOOM, a moving portrait of a teenage girl gang leader in the South Bronx, by up and coming New York playwright Kia Corthron. Under the direction of Ilesa Lisa Duncan, BREATH, BOOM begins performances at Pegasus Players February 28 and continues through April 13, 2003.

Originally commissioned and produced by the Royal Court Theatre in London in February 2000, BREATH, BOOM follows fourteen years in the life of Prix, a fireworks connoisseur and understated, ruthless leader of a New York girls' gang, as she travels from the streets to juvenile reformatory to jail and back to the streets again. The production provides a scrapbook of Prix's life from age 16 to 30 and chronicles her dreams, passions, and hope, as well as violence, pain and her obsession with fireworks and the lights of the Empire State Building. A riveting, tender drama, the production is based on Corthron's research into the lives of young women who chose to lead violent lives on the street.

Starring in BREATH, BOOM are Rain Wilson (Prix), Raiven Gibbs (Angel / CO), Markiesha Singleton (Malika / Socks), Deadra Nelson-Mason (Comet), Sidney Miller (Mother), Andre Teamer (Jerome), Carolina Jimenez (Fuego / Denise/Dray/CO), Nihara Nichelle (Cat / Girl / Jo's friend), Natalie Salter (Shondra/Pepper/Jo) and Cymeka Norvel (Jupiter).

Kia Corthron, hailed by The New York Times as "a gifted young playwright," is based in Harlem New York. Among other honors, she is the recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts/TCG residency and a Kennedy Center Fund for New American Plays grant, with which she penned SEEKING THE GENESIS (performed at The Goodman Theatre in 1996).

Chicago-based director, producer and performer Ilesa Lisa Duncan is no stranger to Pegasus Player - she directed both EV'RY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT in 2000 and BRONZVILLE in2001. In addition, she directed the Jefferson and BTAA-Awarded production of DO LORD REMEMBER ME at the Chicago Theater Company and WAITING TO BE INVITED at Victory Gardens Theatre, among others. A member of Lincoln Center Theatre's Director's Lab, Duncan recently joined the staff of Black Ensemble Theater as an Associate Artistic Director. She is also a 2002-2004 recipient of the NEA/TCG 2002-2004 Career Development Program for Directors.

The performance schedule for BREATH, BOOM, February 29-April 13, is as follows: Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 3:00 p.m.

Ticket prices are $10 for preview performances and range from $15 - $20 for regular performances. Tickets are available at the Pegasus Players box office or by calling (773) 878-9761. Pegasus Players is located at 1145 West Wilson Avenue, at the O'Rourke Center on the campus of Truman College.

For more information, please call (773) 878-9761

Bridgeview Chamber hosts Luncheon

The Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their annual Administrative Professional's Day Luncheon on Wednesday, April 23rd at Mama Luigi's Restaurant. Reservations required by April 18th. Price is $25.00 per person which includes a fabulous lunch, entertainment and a special gift. Show your appreciation of a job well done...Call the Chamber Office today for reservations at (708) 598-1700.

Bremen HS open house

Bremen High School is hosting an open house for its fifth, sixth and seventh grade feeder school students and their families on Sunday, March 9 from noon to 2 p.m.

"We are hoping to show what Bremen High School has to offer," said Bremen Assistant Principal Jeff Budz.

The grade school students and their families will be taken on a tour of the school by members of the National Honor Society, Student Council and Varsity B Club.

Brochures will be available to showcase class and lab activities as well as student projects. Refreshments will be served after the tour of the building.

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Chicago Bulls competition

Holding blue ribbons are Tom March and Darius Parker, both members of the St. Gerald 5th grade basketball team. They are winners of the Chicago Bull/IPRA Two Ball Competition and will compete against winners of several other communities on March 9th at the Oak Lawn Pavilion. The winners of each division will go to the United Center for the final Championship.

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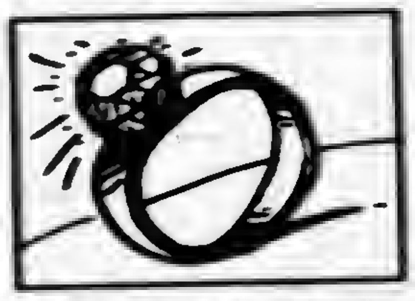

The custom of decorating engagement and wedding rings with gems began around the year 1200.

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Orland Winter Reminders

Snow removal in Orland Park is a cooperative effort. To assist with its snow removal efforts, the award -winning Village of Orland Park Public Works Department is calling on the public for help.

"Keeping the streets of Orland Park clear and accessible during a winter storm is definitely a cooperative effort," said Orland Park Public Works Director Peter Casey. "We're calling on residents of the village to do their part to help our drivers make easy and safe passes through the many neighborhoods in the village," Casey added.

Primary routes in Orland Park are plowed first, followed by secondary streets and cul-de-sacs. Orland Park Public Works Department has developed a list of six snow tips for village residents to remember when a snowstorm arrives in the village. Parking on village streets is prohibited once two inches of snow fall. Parked vehicles must be kept off of the street for at least ten hours after a snow storm begins.

When removing snow from private driveways, residents should not shovel, snow blow or plow snow back into the street. Snow from driveways and other private properties should be placed on the parkway or lawn. Residents are encouraged to adopt the fire hydrants near their homes, keeping them clear and accessible.

Residents should shovel a path to the hydrant from the street so that firefighters have easy access in an emergency. And, to help plow drivers see where the street begins and ends, residents may obtain free curb markers at the village's Public Works Department, 15655 South Ravinia Avenue.

"I'm very proud of our crew and their sincere efforts to keep the streets clear, while keeping environmental issues a concern. We are doing our best; however, if there are parked vehicles on the streets and residents are putting snow back into the streets from their driveways—it certainly hampers our efforts," said Orland Park Public Works Director Peter Casey.

In October, 2002, Orland Park's Public Works Department was honored by the National Salt Institute when Orland Park's salt storage facility was deemed "one of the finest examples of environmental excellence in salt storage throughout North America for the year 2002." Orland Park's 4500 ton salt storage facility is capable of storing enough salt to combat a large number of snow events.

Public Works Foreman Tom Martin reiterated Casey's comments, adding, "The biggest problem our drivers face is parked cars on the street when they're coming through to plow. If residents know that a snow storm is coming, we ask that they move their cars to their driveways so that we can get through and clear the street for everyone on the block."

Parked vehicles that violate Orland Park's parking ban are subject to ticketing and or towing by the Orland Park Police Department. Further information about Orland Park's snow removal efforts is available by calling the village's Public Works Department at (708) 403-6350

Y-Me 5K Training Program

The Y-Me 5K event is held Mother's Day May 11 in downtown Chicago. There are expected to be about 30,000 participants. Y-Me provides support to people who have been affected by Breast cancer.

The Human Race Sports together with Chicago Endurance Sports is offering a training program for women who would like to prepare for the Y-Me 5K race. The first session is March 2 at 10:00. The program runs for 10 consecutive weeks, to be held Sunday mornings at 8:00 (one change to the schedule will be Easter Sunday).

There will be four training levels: walkers, walk runners, new runners, and runners. a different topic will be covered in addition to each week's training workout. Topics will include "tools" which will cover information on everything a participant really needs to complete the event from shoes and apparel to water bottles, race preparation, pilates / stretching, how to use sports watches in training, and the coaching and support from great people!

More information on Chicago Endurance Sports and Jenny Hadfield who heads the training can be found at www.chicagoendurancesports.com.

The Human Race Sports is located in the Michael's Shopping Plaza at 15148 S. LaGrange Road in Orland Park. The store phone number is (708) 349-4724.

Seminar requests encouraged

The Cook County Board of Review will accept applications from property owners living in Lemont & Bremen Township who wish to appeal their property tax assessments. Applications will be accepted through February 26, 2003 . Any property owner who wishes to appeal their assessment may pick up an application form at the Board of Review at 118 N. Clark, Room #601 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., or call Commissioner Maureen Murphy's office at (312) 603-3644 to find out about locations in Markham, Bridgeview, Maywood, Rolling Meadows and Skokie. The Board of Review will release the names of townships that may file appeals on a monthly basis as they become eligible. Assessment appeal seminars in or around these areas are currently being planned by Commisssioner Murphy's office.

Murphy encourages local organizations and associations to call if they would like to sponsor a free Assessment Appeal Seminar in their area conducted by her expert staff. Seminars educate taxpayers about their rights of due process and the best way to make a successful appeal at the Board of Review..

The Cook County Board of Review listens to and rules on appeals from tax-payers asking for property tax relief. Last year, the Board reviewed over 150,000 appeals. Over 62% of parcels appealed received a reduction.

Annual Chef's Auction

Enjoy an elegant evening sampling the creations of some of the best chefs in the area, along with a host of fine coffees, wines and ales at the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department's Third Annual Chefs' Auction. On Thursday, February 27, 2003, chefs from restaurants throughout the south suburban area will donate their time to benefit the American Cancer Society's Breast Cancer Research Program. The event will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Orland Chateau, 14500 South La Grange Road, in Orland Park.

"This is a beautiful event to benefit the American Cancer Society's Breast Cancer Research Program," explained Lee Ann Fisk, Program Supervisor for the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department.

Fisk explained that silent auctions are held throughout the lobby of the Chateau, while inside the dining area, chefs offer their prized dishes for attendees to sample. Music will be provided by Nova Soul, with the highlight of the evening being the live auction conducted by Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. The auction includes specially prepared dinner packages and gifts donated by the participating restaurants.

"This event has been very well received by residents from throughout the region," Fisk explained. "The business community comes together to donate their time and wares—all for the benefit of breast cancer research," she added.

"Everyone, at one time or another, will be affected by breast cancer," Fisk noted. "Orland Park's Chefs' Auction is a wonderful way to help combat breast cancer and to help researchers look for a cure for this devastating disease," she added.

Tickets are $45.00 per person, with a $15 discount for an accompanying guest. Business attire is required. Tickets and further information are available at the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department's Loebe Recreation Center and at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex. Tickets will also be available at the door. For more information, call 645-PLAY.

Garden Club meets

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its February meeting on Thursday, February 27th at 4625 W. 100th St. at 9:15 a.m. The program will be "Spring Flowering of Perennials, Trees and Shrubs," by Marcy Stewart-Pyziak. She holds a degree in Ornamental Horticulture from the University of Illinois. She also does landscape design and consulting, teaches a the Chicago Botanic Garden, Morton Arboretum, and park districts, while also maintaining her own 10 acres of property just outside of Manhattan, IL.

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Glowski joins firm

Adrianne Glowski, 20, of Palos Park, recently joined Hinsdale public relations firm GR-PR as part of the college internship program at GR-PR. Glowski handles a full range of office administrative duties in the public relations arena as well as specific writing projects.

She is a junior at Trinity College in Palos Heights majoring in Business Communications with a minor in psychology. She will graduate in June, 2004. Glowski is a member of the Trinity Varsity Softball Team, and she belongs to St. Alexander's Catholic Church in Palos Heights.

Ginny Richardson-Public Relations (GR-PR) is a Hinsdale-based PR firm serving the media relations needs of clients in business, healthcare and the arts. The company offers many internship opportunities including college age, post-college and high school. Also, two account executives work from home offices and are mothers of small children. Richardson is committed to teaching public relations as well as to providing employment opportunities to young people interested in communications.

For more information, call (630) 789-8555.

Metra improvements in Palos

by Carlene E. O'Connor

At the Monday meeting of Feb. 10, village officials of Palos Park submitted to Orland Park to take over jurisdiction of 131st St. from LaGrange Road to Southwest Highway.

They also requested that the two villages share the cost of the sewer line from Sandburg High School to Southwest Highway.

There will be a "Taste of Palos on August 17, sponsored by the Palos Park Woman's Club.

Public Health and Safety Commissioner Carolyn Baca announced plans after raising of the terror alert level from yellow to orange by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

She said in case of an emergency have plenty of batteries, a small radio, flashlight, plenty of water, disaster kit, know where your children and spouse are, and have food for three days. Be alert and report any suspicious activity to the police department.

Commissioners voted to conduct a study by Burke Engineering at St. Coletta's of Illinois 54 Acres property to build Shadow Ridge. They want to see if they can use the sewer and water system. The developer is Donald Jeanes.

Metra plans on improving the Johnson Lumber site by adding two contractor office trailers and one track. The agency also plans to improve signals and the 121st street overpass.

The warrant dated February 10 in the amount of $68,550.84 was approved. Some announcements by the council: If you would like to have your name added to the petition to resurface 123rd st. (86th Ave. to Wolf Road)

Please call 448-2800

Plows Council on Aging is offering a program for "shared housing" for more information, call 361-0219.

For April 1 election, you may vote absentee at Kaptur Village Hall through March 31, 2003.

Village stickers on sale

Vehicle Stickers on sale at the Worth Village Hall. The stickers are $20 for passenger vehicle. Truck stickers are $22. Senior Citizens (65 years or older one per family) can purchase their vehicle sticker for $5 and a truck sticker for $7. We will need to see the vehicle registration card and your drivers license. 2003 vehicle stickers must be displayed by midnight February 28,2003.

Village Hall Hours: Monday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

MVCC "Business After Hours"

Moraine Valley's Small Business Development Center and the Management and Professional Skills Institute (MPSI) will host a multi-chamber "Business After Hours" on Thursday, February 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Moraine Rooms I and II in the College Center.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Carol Malina, Workforce Development and Community Services, at (708) 974-5714, or e-mail malina @morainevalley.edu

Char Ipema (right) peeks at Rest Haven Central Administrator Laura Witt's notes. Witt expressed the love and admiration that so many people have for Ipema, during a 40th anniversary celebration on Tuesday, January 28, 2003.

Char Ipema celebrates 40 years serving seniors

Char Ipema was working at Rest Haven Central when President Kennedy was assassinated. These were the days when she could mail a letter after work for five cents and purchase a gallon of milk for less than fifty.--That was 1963.

Now, 40 years later, Ipema prepared to celebrate her 40th anniversary of serving seniors at Rest Haven Central in Palos Heights on February 1, 2003.

Ipema's beginning at Rest Haven is a rather simple one. She stopped into the facility one day and inquired about job openings. As the conversation moved forward, Ipema was soon asked, "So when can you start?" She started on February 1, 1963.

"I've been lucky," Ipema said. "I've gotten to be a part of this family and that's something special."

A reception was recently held on Ipema's behalf and her family, fellow co-workers, former co-workers and residents turned out for the celebration.

James Milkow, who worked with Ipema from 1963 until 1978, said that Rest Haven has been blessed to have someone like her for such a long time.

"She's so dedicated and just a terrific person," Milkow said. "She's so fun, just a great personality and she's wonderful with the people here."

Ipema sometimes has a hard time comprehending that it has been 40 years. "When you look around it does feel like a long time," she said. "Because so many people that you work with are only in their 20s and you look at them and you realize that they weren't even born when you started. You think of that and then you know it's been awhile."

Ipema definitely has plenty of stories to tell. She's witness the increased specialization in skilled nursing care, recalls many interesting residents, and tells plenty of fascinating anecdotes, including the major snowstorm of 1967 when she remained on duty for three straight days and helicopters were needed to deliver milk, bread and other essentials.

Ipema intends on working part-time at Rest Haven Central for a little longer and plans on repositioning herself into a volunteer role soon after.

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Members of the Johnson Phelps VFW Post 5220 in Oak Lawn present American flags to officials and students at Brother Rice High School.

VFW donates flags to High School

The Johnson Phelps VFW Post 5220 in Oak Lawn recently donated 21 American Flags to Brother Rice High School for use in classrooms. In addition to the classroom flags, the post also donated one presentation flag with a pole stand and eagle. Three Post members presented the flags to Br. Rice president Br. Karl Walczak of Burbank and Principal James Antos of Oak Lawn and members of the school's Vietnam History class.

Pictured from left are: Alex Donaldson, Americanism Chairman VFW Post 5220, senior Michael Murphy of Oak Lawn, senior Joe Alvarado of Beverly, Wally Cummings, Youth for Americanism Chairman VFW Post 5220, Walczak, Joe Stachon, Senior Vice Commander VFW Post 5220, Antos, senior Greg Covotsos of Beverly and senior Ryan Fitzgibbons of Beverly.

Portillo has grand opening

Portillo Restaurant on 95th Street, Oak Lawn had their grand opening on March 3, 2003. The Oak Lawn Chamber participated along with the Oak Lawn Children's Museum. Two checks were awarded to the Children's Museum for a total amount of $3,000.

Mr. Portillo holding the sign for a check in the amount of $1,000 along with Mayor Kolb.

The Stancik family enjoying an afternoon out on Pulaski Day.

Police and Fire Department Promotions

by Matt Mayer

The February 25th of the Oak Lawn Village board meeting commenced with a ceremony for police and fire department promotions. Village clerk Jane Powers preformed the swearing in of police patrol officers, Daniel Foley and John Harrison, to the rank of sergeant. Ignatius Goetz and Todd Huttner were also sworn in as new police patrol officers. Police patrol officer Arthur Clark was also promoted to the rank of police sergeant. Police Chief Robert Smith spoke for the patrol officer Clark who is currently on active duty, involved in Operation Enduring Freedom. He has been away for approximately 1 year. Chief Smith said patrol officer Clark has already accepted the rank of sergeant and is very thrilled to receive the promotion.

Fire Lieutenant Michael Jenson was promoted to the rank of Fire Captain. Fire Engineer Scott Sobol was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant as well as Firefighter Anthony Padula to the rank of Fire Engineer. In attendance were relatives and friends of the Police officers and Fire fighters. Also in attendance were government students. Trustee Marjorie Ann Joy welcomed the students and encouraged them to continue their interest in government.

Trustee Ron Stancik outlined the last meeting of the Environmental Commission, in which the commission voted to purchase 5000 Gambusia Minnows also referred to as Mosquito fish, for the sum of $375.00. This fish is the most widely used fish in the world for mosquito control. They have been known to consume 230 larvae or pupa in one hour. They are also extremely hardy and adaptable, known to survive in a wide variety of temperatures, as well as PH factors. The gambusia minnow needs shallow water for protection and deep water over the winter. Females give birth to living young and will produce several broods per summer.

Commission member Jim Moran had researched and presented this information at a previous meeting of the Environmental Commission. Stancik also discussed the pro-active approach the village has taken to combat the virus over the winter, such as the use of chemicals, as well as cleaning catch basins.

These efforts along with the purchase and release of the mosquito fish will hopefully help offset a repeat of the tremendous outbreak of last years West Nile virus. The fish will be released as soon as the weather breaks. Stancik also mentioned that they discovered the Scouts need to meet requirements for community service. The commission is in the process of recruiting Scouts to participate in this environmental project.

Since the fish will be released by commission members as well as Scouts, there will not be any further cost incurred for this project. The fish will be released into Oak Lawn Lake, Stony Creek as well as the Park District pond. Stancik also stated that the State of New Jersey has been stocking these fish in their water's since 1910.

A request to waive the bidding procedures for the repainting of the elevated water sheroid tank at 98th and Massasoit and award the contact to George Kountoupes Painting Company in the amount of $389,000 was approved. The request was approved based on the need to expedite the required services as well as the specific quality and reliability of the vender based upon past dealings. The board approved a resolution in support and appreciation of the leadership in the south/southwest suburban area requesting improved train service. A motion to carry an ordinance approving the official zoning map of Oak Lawn to next meeting was approved.

The board approved a request from the Jewel/Osco store located at 88th and Ridgeland and the Jewel/Osco store located at 94th and Pulaski to erect a temporary structure for the annual spring plant sale from approximately April 1st to June 22nd.

Mr. Portillo, Marjorie Joy, Trustee and Sharon and Steve Rosenbaum, Trustee in Oak Lawn.

Lisa Madigan, Attorney General of Illinois V. Tellemarketing Associates, Inc.

The U.S. Supreme Court next Monday, March 3rd, is scheduled to hear oral arguments on Lisa Madigan, Attorney General of Illinois v. Telemarketing Associates, Inc., et al.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan is scheduled to attend the oral argument in Washington, D.C. Forty Five states, the Better Business Bureau (BBB), AARP and the U.S. Justice Department on behalf of the federal Trade commission (FTC) have filed amicus briefs in support of Illinois' complaint.

The question presented by the case is whether the First Amendment categorically prohibits a state from pursuing a fraud action against a professional fundraiser who represents that donations will be used for charitable purposed but in fact keeps the vast majority of the funds donated.

Then Attorney General Roland Burris brought the case in 1991 against Telemarketing Associates, Inc., its owner and an affiliated company. Telemarketing is a for-profit company whose employees call potential donors and ask for donations to VietNow, Inc., an Illinois not for profit company. The telemarketers tell donors their contribution will be used for specific charitable purposes, including food, shelter and financial support for hungry, homeless and injured Vietnam War veterans.

In fact, Telemarketing keeps 85 percent of the donations under its agreement with VietNow. Over an eight year period, the fundrasier kept $6.1 million out of $7.2 million donated.

Relying on three U.S. Supreme Court decisions from the 1980s, the circuit court dismissed the case. The Illinois Appellate Court and Illinois Supreme Court affirmed. Former Attorney General Jim Ryan petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the case.

Nuclear engineer will speak at Rotary

Managers make decisions. Is there a better way to make decisions that impact your people and organization?

Jim Nightingale, a 20 year consultant, originally trained as a nuclear engineer will be the guest speaker at the Oak Lawn Rotary Club on Monday, March 10th at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 94th & Cicero. Enthusiastic and humorous, Jim brings the laboratory and history book together with real world experience in the trenches of top organizations to show how most of us think and how to transform our own decision making processes.

He will explain the 3 most common mistakes made by smart people and some practical techniques for improving our ability to make good decisions.

Nightingale is also a life-long martial artist and has trained with world champions in kickboxing, Judo and wrestling.

This experience has left him with a no-nonsense perspective on both competition and success. Please join us at this very informative and enlightening meeting to hear what Jim has shared with many managers and business professioanals.

Lunch will be provided and begins at 12:15pm with Nightingale following. Price for non-members $12.00. For more information, please contact Chuck Groebe 708-346-8802 or Dave Kobak 708-361-0500.s

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When to Retire

If you're thinking about retiring this year, you should check with your local Social Security office right away. Even though you might not stop working until later in the year, it could be to your advantage to start collecting Social Security benefits before then. Many retirees-to-be find that they can get more money if they begin collecting benefits early, rather than waiting until they actually stop working. And here's another reminder from Social Security. Although the Medicare age remains at age 65, beginning in January, the age for full retirement benefits is gradually going up.

If you need help picking your ideal retirement time, or learning your full retirement age, call Social Security at (800) 772-1213 and set up an appointment to visit your local Social Security office.

Wiley brings books alive

The prosperity Club at Advance Bank presents a Greta Wiley Book Review and luncheon at the Orland chateau located at 14500 La Grange Road in Orland Park, Illinois, on Wednesday, May 21, 2003 at 11:00 A.M. Greta is a full-blooded book dramatist, mounting, a one woman show that summarizes entire novels and biographies complete with character dialogue and running commentary in 60 minutes or so on stage. She breathes living passion and fury into the work, never with our a point of view.

Miss Wiley's dramatization for this event will be "The Devil in the White City" by Erik larson, an intriguing nonfiction book that takes place in 1893.

Cost for this special luncheon program is $21 per member and $26 per guest. Reservations are required. Send check(s) payable to Advance Bank Prosperity Club, 18300 Dixie Hwy, Homewood, Illinois, 60430. For more information call - 708 647-2088. Advance Bank is a community-based bank with 16 convenient locations. FDIC insured

Biernacki runs for 3rd district trustee

Don Biernacki and his family have lived in Oak Lawn for 10 years. He grew up in Chicago's McKinley Park neighborhood, attended St. Maurice grammar school and Quigley South High School. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Loyola University. His son Pat goes to St. Laurence High School and his daughter Meghan to Queen of Peace High School.

Don is a Senior Vice President in charge of construction operations at LR Development Company. He also serves as President of Quality First Contracting Company, a union carpentry contractor affiliated with LR Development. He is a member of the National Association of Home Builders and the National Association of the Remodeling Industry.

Don is an active member of St. Gerald Parish where he served for four years as President of the Athletic Club. He was instrumental in establishing a scholarship program for graduating 8th graders. Don has also been a baseball coach of Oak Lawn Boys and Girls Baseball. As a proponent of historic preservation in the community, he is a contributing member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation

As Trustee, Don will be visible, available and responsive to the residents of the 3rd District. He will be an independent and vocal advocate for the district while serving as an effective and integral member of the Village Boar. Don will actively seek and encourage input and ideas from 3rd District residents so as to be able to represent them in an informed and honest manner He will bring a vision for the future that reflects and embraces the richness of Oak Lawn's past, while promoting and supporting balanced and responsible community development for the future.

NAMI

NAMI Southwest (National Alliance for the Mentally ill) invites you to attend the following public Seminars:

March 18th - Our speaker for the evening is Gene Wesolowski, director of Oak Lawn Family Services. Gene will be speaking on "The Impact of Cutbacks on Psychiatric Services in the south suburban are". Our meeting begins at 7:30 P.M.

April 15th - Our speaker for the evening is Pam Cabrera, director of Clinical Services at the Sertoma Center. This meeting begins at 7:30 P.M.

We also offer the REACH Program for family member of people who suffer from metal illness. These meeting take place at 7:30 P.M. on every Tuesday except the general meeting dates.

All are welcome to attend these informative meetings. The meetings are held at the Pilgrim Faith United Church, 9422 South 51st Ave., Oak Lawn, IL. For additional information, please feel free to call Mike or Lois at 708-425-0925

Mary Allison-elect experience for Sub-District 6

Mary Allison has been a member of the Oak Lawn community since she moved here at the age of seven. She attended Cook Ave. School, Sward elementary school and graduated form Oak Lawn High School. Her children attended H.L. Richards High School. For the past 18 years she has been a staunch supporter of education, serving on Community High School District 218 Board of Education and presiding as President for 14 years. Mary wants to ensure that all students have access to a quality education and an opportunities to grow and expand their experiences.

Many of you had the opportunity to meet Mary in the fall when she devoted ten to twelve hours daily to ensure that the school district referendum passed. You saw her at most of the parent and community meetings as well as on election day encouraging voters to vote yes to request additional funding to support programs for students. If the referendum had not passed, many of the excellent programs we currently have in the district would have been eliminated. Mary wants the same thing today that she did when her children: an excellent education and extra-curricular programs that provide a comprehensive high school experience for all students so that "No Child Is Left Behind". She wants all children to reach their potential and thrive in the 21st Century. She has long been an advocate of using technology and has promoted its use.

Mary Allison was recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education as an excellent board member through the "Those Who Excel" Award Program. That program recognizes and awards those who have gone above and beyond in fulfilling their commitment to education. Mary was given the prestigious award in Springfield and continued to work on behalf of the District 218 students.

Mary's commitment, dedication, and eighteen years of experience makes her the better candidate to move District 218 forward in the "new age of accountability" as education faces challenges never before encountered.

Music in our Schools month

Atlanta, GA, February 21, 2003, March is music in our schools month, [illegible] in schools and communities sponsored by the National Association for Music Education. Programs focus on the importance of introduction students to music education and playing an instrument.

Studies collected by the National Association for Music Education show: Students with music coursework and experience in music performance scored higher on the SAT, secondary students who participated in band or orchestra reported the lowest lifetime and current use of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs, the constant adjustment of tempo, tone, style, rhythm, phrasing and feeling train the brain to organize and conduct numerous activities at once.

John Mahlmann, executive director of the National Association for Music Education, said "Music teachers and parent understand that skills learned through the discipline of music transfer directly to study skills, communication skills and cognitive skills useful in every part of the curriculum".

Getting started: Selecting an Instrument for your student. Andy Schechter, marketing director of new specialized web site for musicians said "http://www.InstrumentExchange.com has opened the door for students to try a new instrument at an affordable price or trade up. An exclusive Bluebook feature provides objective pricing information for used instruments"

Strings. The guitar is one of the most popular and affordable member of the stringed instrument family is often compared to the piano for is versatility. Good quality new instrument can be purchased for under $500. Used instruments are available for as little as $220. One component to watch for is a solid wood top and back, generally spruce, cedar or mahogany, which adds to the richness of the sound.

Brass. The trumpet is one of the most versatile and durable brass instruments. The most popular type for students is the B-flat trumpet. A new student trumpet begins at about $700. If selecting a used trumpet, watch for dents, corrosion and leaks.

Woodwinds. The flute is considered the instrument most closely related to the human voice. The concert flute, or C flute, is the most common version and a suitable choice for beginners. Most new student flutes range from $600 - $750. Price increase depending upon the amount of precious metal used in the construction of the instrument.

Where to find good value, consider the internet. In addition to retail stores, the internet offers new and used inventory for most musical instruments and gear. A new on-line auction site, http://www.InstrumentExchange.com, is built by musicians for musicians and offers an ironclad, 100% satisfaction guarantee. Individual can log on and buy or sell almost any type of musical instrument and gear. Thousands of musical instruments are listed including rare and collectible items.

Buyers have 48 hours to inspect purchase before payment is final. Unlike general, self serve auctions, instrumentExchange.com collect payment for all order and guarantee sellers payments.

In recognition of music in our schools month, InstrumentExchange.com is launching a new program called Playback, which enables school music programs to receive 3 percent of the proceeds form students instrument and gear purchased. Students simply used a code assigned to their school to automatically activate the program. Beginning this month, music teachers can log in to the site at http://www.InstrumentExchange.com and register to receive there school/teacher code.

MENC, The National Association for Music Education, the world's largest arts education organization, is the only association that addresses all aspects of music education. Nearly 100,000 members represent all levels of teaching from preschool to graduate school. Since 1907, ENC has worked to ensure that every student has access to a well balanced, comprehensive and high quality program of music instruction taught by qualified teachers.

MENC's activities and resources have been largely responsible for the establishment of music education as a profession, for the promotion and guidance of music study as an integral part of school curriculum, and for the development of the National Standards for Arts Education. For more information, visit [illegible]

InstrumentExchange.com is the premier on-line auction market place for new and used musical instruments and gear. Based in Atlanta, GA, parent company ExchangeBlvd.com also operates the highly successful GolfClubExchange.com the largest golf club auction in the world. The company is expanding its specialty auction site lineup with the planned addition of PhotographyExchange.com, HomeHiFiExchange.com and other sites in 2003

St. Albert holds Fish Fry

All are invited to our 3rd Annual Lenten Fish Fry. Many years ago, Father Stepek was at another church and helped create a successful recipe for delicious, fried fish dinners. When Pastor Father Stepek came to St. Albert the Great, he enlisted the help of some new volunteers and with some remodeling in the kitchen area, our Fish Fry was started. Today, going into the third successful year, we are anticipating serving over 2 tons of fish fillets! All are washed, squeezed, dipped into a special milk bath and breaded just before we deep fry these delicious boneless fillets.

The Lenten Fish Fry starts Wednesday March 5 and continues every Friday March 7 thru Friday, April 14. Complete dinners are offered including a Fabulous Fried Fish Dinner with special Seasoned Waffle Fries, tasty coleslaw, dinner buns, pudding, coffee and fruit punch for just $6.99. A family favorite Meatless Spaghetti complete dinner is only $4.99 And new this year is a Giant Shrimp Dinner with tangy cocktail sauce for just $9.99.

St. Albert the Great is located at 80th and Central in Burbank. Doors open from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The dinner is held in Rogers Hall church basement. St. Albert is a very active parish and even though you may notice many cars in our huge parking lots, we always have room in our 664 seat dining area. Plenty of To Go containers are available at no extra cost. There will be a Cash bar with beer, wine and soda. A split the pot is held each hour. Watch for our specials where your one penny change will buy something special Come early, come hungry, plenty of room for all your friends.

Any questions, please call Fish Coordinators Rich Anagnos or Dave Barry (708) 935-4931 or contact the Rectory at (708) 423-0321

Little Company holds Fashion Show

Little Company of Mary Hospital Auxiliary will host its 33rd Annual Reflections 2003 dinner and fashion show April 8 at the Drury Lane Martinique Restaurant and Theatre in Evergreen Park. Rosemarie Lamb will chair the event.

This year's theme, "Mardi Gras," will highlight a variety of fabulous clothing, daytime casual, dressy casual, and evening wear. Fashions will be provided by Bellissimo, Hansen's Villa, Kimberly Bond Boutique, Lili of Trieste II, My Sisters and Me, and Worldly Things.

The event will feature a grand raffle drawing with prizes including, a two week vacation to Killarney, Ireland, donated by Ross Castle Builders, a one week vacation in North Naples, Florida, also donated by Ross Castle Builders, and a one week vacation in Mexico, donated by Niels and Nancy Pederson. Grand raffle tickets are $10 each or three for $25.

Proceeds from Reflections 2003 will benefit Maternity Services at Little Company. Tickets for the event are $45 per person, which includes cocktails at 5 p.m. and dinner served at 6:30 p.m. For reservations, call (708) 229-5447.

OL Library Trip goes to Chicago

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a bus tour of Chicago's architectural highlights on Wednesday, April 9. An in-person registration is set for 9-11 a.m. Saturday, March 8 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street.

Discover the diversity of Chicago's architecture on a 30-mile odyssey through the Loop, Hyde Park, the Gold Coast and other historic districts. Several stops will be made, including Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House. The bus tour will be conducted by a Chicago Architecture Foundation docent. A box lunch will be provided on board. The motorcoach departs at 10:00 a.m. and returns at 3:00 p.m. The cost is $36 for Friends members and $41 for nonmembers.

After the in-person registration closes, you may call the library for information on how to purchase tickets at (708) 422-4990.

OL Chamber holds Luncheon

Captain Bruce A. Cole of the United States Navy will be the guest speaker at the next monthly luncheon of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, on Tuesday, March 11 at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Everyone is welcome to attend. For lunch reservations, call (708) 424-8300.

Prospect Federal Day held at St. Xaviers

A big crowd enjoyed an exciting game on "Prospect Federal Day" at St. Xavier University's Shannon Center, as the Cougars men's basketball team lost to Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference rival, Olivet Nazarene University, 84 to 81.

Many of the people attending the Saturday, February 1st game received free tickets and refreshments from Prospect Federal Savings Bank, which was recognized by Saint Xavier for sponsoring the University's Fall and Winter sports programs.

Along with tickets and treats, Prospect Federal held drawings for free prizes during the game. The grand prize winner, Dan Duffy of Oak Lawn, won a DVD player. David Kirsits of Oak Lawn won a boom box stereo. Additional prizes included a portable CD player won by Richard Pankratz of Evergreen Park and sports radios won by Kaitlyn Russell of Chicago and Ken Massey of Plainfield.

Prospect Federal President & CEO Steven F. Rosenbaum said, "We're happy to be associated with Saint Xavier's excellent athletic program. And, we're glad so many of our customers and friends came out to see such a great game."

The Cougars excited the home crowd with a stirring comeback. After trailing by more than 10 points midway in the second half, they tied the game at 81 only to lose at the end on a 3-point play.

Prospect Federal Savings Bank was founded in Chicago in 1909. The bank serves the Southwest Metropolitan area with offices in Oak Lawn next to Jewel at 4646 West 103rd Street, in Worth at 11139 South Harlem Avenue and Chicago at 6858 South Pulaski Road.

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Water Signs: This can be a very inspirational month for you. Apparently you'll find yourself deeply involved in money matters, but a windfall could well be on the way into your wallet. People born in Aquarius (Jan 21-Feb 18) or born on the 7, 16 or 25th of any month could be the help you have waited for and can trust to see things through with you. W and P are also involved... and a short walk on the "wild" side if you are careful to indulge yourself.

Earth Signs: Leo people (July 24th - Aug 23rd) or born on the 1, 10, 19 or 28th of any month could become closely allied in your causes, schemes or business endeavors. A woman of strong character and beliefs could also become involved in work-related matters. Look for someone C or L to also help you if you ask.

Fire Signs: Do not make the mistake of remaining quiet about something that should be dealt with... pronto! A man of mystery will intrigue the unmarried, and this might be someone E or A. Still, Gemini people have to be listened to and a person of the Aries/Scorpio sign enters your scenario for a long, long time.

Air Signs: Get ready to deal with money matters, yours and other people's money concerns too. Capricorn born (Dec 24-Jan 20) or born on the 4, 13, 22 or 31st of any month could force their way into your private business. If you let this happen it will linger beyond your patience. Careful! S or T also involved.

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Jack Mari (Psychic)

Congratulations Lieutenant Robert Smith

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan (right) congratulates Robert Smith on his promotion to lieutenant in the court services division. Smith, a resident of Oak Lawn, has been with the Cook County Sheriff's Office since 1989.

Resource Guide

The New Era Survival Research Institute has just published a new booklet, "Survival Resource Guide for a Nuclear, Biological or Chemical Attack". The booklet gives information about what to do to improve personal safety in the event of a terrorist attack. There is detailed information about indicators of a possible nuclear, biological or chemical incident and what information should be gathered to be reported to authorities.

"According to government officials, there is evidence that terrorists may have been planning to disperse biological or chemical agents," says Paul Richard, a researcher at New Era Survival Research Institute. "We've published a resource guide to help consumers educate themselves about what to do in the event of a nuclear, biological or chemical attack. The booklet includes a section about where to get survival resources including information about an in-home shelter plan."

Consumers can receive a copy of the booklet by sending eleven first class stamps or $4.00 for printing, postage and handling to: New Era Survival Research Institute, NEC Survival Booklet Offer #NEC0208F, P.O. Box 60044, Washington, DC 20039-0044. Additional information is available by calling the organization's headquarters at (202) 882-9600 or on the Internet: www.NewEraSurvival.org.

Students from Queen of Peace enjoy cultural exchange

French students from Queen of Peace High School recently hosted students from their partner school, Lycée Le Grand High School in France, for a week of Chicago sightseeing and sharing of cultures.

The students from France [illegible] Millikin University [illegible]. They visited with Queen of Peace host families, [illegible] Galleries, shopped in the Loop and [illegible] the Windy City from high atop the John Hancock Building.

The French visitors shared their stories of life in France with Peace students, including experiences from their 400-year-old Lycée Le Grand High School [illegible].

This is the second year for the Peace and French student exchange, arranged by Dr. Cheryl T[illegible], a [illegible] at Millikin.

Letter to the Editor

Upon entering the First National Bank of Evergreen Park one day, I noticed that one of my shoelaces was untied. I sat in the first chair available, which was just opposite a desk. Behind the desk was a well dressed, efficient looking, middle aged woman, who rose from her chair and immediately walked to me. "Can I help you?" she asked very courteously. By this time I had my foot up and was trying to tie a lace of my shoe. I looked up at her and then down to my shoe and told her "No thank you. My mother taught me how to tie my shoelaces when I was four years old."

Years passed, but I couldn't help thinking about this incident every time I went to the bank through that particular entrance. Finally I could not keep it to myself any longer. One day I stopped to tell this anecdote to Mrs. Greene. Mrs. Greene's desk was just past the desk where my unforgettable experience occurred. After telling Mrs. Greene my story, she looked up at me from her chair, smiling, and with a straight face remarked, "Well this is a full service bank." Now I have two incidents to remember every time I go through this entrance to the bank.

Mattie Giannopoulos

Annual clothing sale

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave. Oak Lawn, Ill. will hold their annual spring and summer children's clothing, resale toys, equipment, maternity clothes will also be available on Saturday, March 15 from 8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Clothes baskets are encouraged for shoppers. Absolutely no strollers allowed until after 9:00 A.M.

We have room for 10 more sellers. If interested please call the church office 708-599-4025

Hickory Hills pre-school open house

On Thursday, March 27, 2003 from 7:00-8:00 PM the preschool teachers will be hosting an Open House at Kasey Meadow Rec. Center, 8047 W. 91st Place. Open House is for those parents wishing to enroll their child in the preschool program for the first time. Applications for pre-school programs will be available that night or call 598-1233 to have one mailed.

Advocate Christ Medical Center's March programs

Advocate Christ Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, has scheduled the following community education classes and support groups meetings for March. To register or for more information, call Christ Medical Center's Health Advisor at (800) 323-8622 (unless otherwise noted) and refer to code number listed.

Senior Exercise Program

The physical therapy department of Advocate Christ Medical Center offers stretching and low-impact exercise classes for seniors on consecutive Mondays and Wednesdays. Classes led by a licensed physical therapist are held from 5 to 6 p.m. in the hospital's physical therapy gym, 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn. Cost is $2 per session. For more information and to register, call Christ Medical Center's physical therapy department at (708) 346-5425.

Specialized Weight and Conditioning Program

The physical therapy department of Advocate Christ Medical Center offers an ongoing program designed to promote physical fitness for people who have experienced a spinal cord injury/disability. Staff offers guidance in creating an independent wheelchair level exercise program (using wheelchair accessible weight stations) on consecutive Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes led by a licensed physical therapist are held from 4 to 5 p.m. in the medical center's physical therapy gym, 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn. Cost is $3 per session or $24 for full 8-session program. For more information and to register, call Christ Medical Center's physical therapy department at (708) 346-5425.

Luncheon & Bazaar to be held

The women of the United Methodist Church of Worth, 7100 West 112th, Worth, will sponsor their Spring Luncheon and Bazaar on Monday, March 31st. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and luncheon will be served at 12:00 noon. There will be a White Elephant table, as well as crafts and pantry sales. Donation is $5.00.

Evergreen plants trees in Spring

The spring 2003 tree planting brochures are now available at the Village Hall, 9418 S. Kedzie and the Hamilton B. Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th Street. Orders will be taken until March 24th with planting to begin in early spring. Choose between 18 different varieties of shade and ornamental trees. Please note that if you need a tree removed and replaced with a new one you must come into the Village Hall to fill out a tree removal request. A $50 deposit will be required at that time (the deposit guarantees your tree removal being given top priority). This deposit is applied to the costs of the new tree. Any questions call Sue Kordas at (708) 229-8235.

OL Church holds Contemporary service

On Sunday, March 9, 2003, the Oak Lawn Community Church will have a Contemporary Church Service at 1:00PM at 9000 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn.

This service is open to all Christians or those interested in information about the Christian faith. There will be live music for Praise and Worship, led by Rev. Linda Du Puy and New Creations Band. An offering will be taken.

For more information, please call Linda at (708) 425-6957 or the church at (708) 599-4025.

Cajetan

The St. Cajetan elementary school class of 1983 will celebrate their 20-year reunion on Saturday, May 17, 2003. For more information, please contact Joanne Davoren Doyle at 773-881-9376 or Andy Woods at 815-577-9387.

McCord House to open

Come walk back with us - see this spacious Italianate home that John D. McCord built in 1858 from materials from the site and local area. Located atop a hill at the corner of 129th and La Grange Road in Palos Park, the McCord home is scheduled to open in Sept. 2004.

The McCord House is being preserved as a historic home and will operate as an art gallery and cultural heritage center. It will provide a place for local and regional works to be displayed and purchased including prints, paintings, photography, glass, handmade jewelry and pottery.

The McCord House will welcome visitors interested in the history of the region and will introduce our children to the wonderful world of senses. Art and music instructions will be offered. They will see this proud and beautiful home - a reminder of the stability, craftsmanship and work of the pioneers. For more info call (708) 448-2700.

St. Rita's steppin out

The St. Rita Mother's Club are holding two events this month. The "Mother Son Dance", "Stepping out with my baby". To be held at the Martinique, 2500 W. 95th street, Evergreen Park, ILL. On March 7 2003, begins at 7:00 pm until 10pm.

There is also a "Cooking with the St. Rita Moms Chef" night which will be held on Monday March 10, 2003 at 7:30 P.M. Nominations for the 2003-2004 to be held. Hosted by: Marguerite Cardozo & Fran Langolf.

Dr. Hogg to address elementary schools

Dr. James Hogg, D.D.S., will speak before the kindergarten and first graders of Sward School, 9830 S. Brandt in Oak Lawn on Wednesday, March 5 at 9:30 a.m. and on Thursday, March 6 he will address the children at Worth Elementary School, 11158 S. Oak Park Ave. Worth, also at 9:30 a.m.

The doctor will educate them about oral hygiene, nutrition and what to expect on your first visit to the dentist. This is in conjunction with National Dental Awareness Month.

Dr. Hogg graduated with honors from the University of Illinois Dental School, and went on to become an instructor there. In addition to normal requirements at the University, Dr. Hogg participated with various teachers who had research grants to explore different techniques and materials. His areas of interest are in cosmetic bonding and new and traditional procedures for denture wearers.

His office is located at 10232 S. Central Ave. in Oak Lawn.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity
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Crime and the college campus

The worry to keep our children safe is born in us the moment we give them life. Perhaps the reality hits us most profoundly when they leave the safety of home to go off to college and it dawns on us - we have no control over the dangers they'll face.

Recently, as college students returned to school after the holiday break, I had a shocking conversation with my youngest daughter a college sophomore. On the very first weekend back to school, before books were even purchased, two of her friends were viciously attacked by a mob of gang bangers. They were ambushed in the parking lot not far from their campus dorm. One of the young men was beaten within an inch of his life. He was kicked in the face and head so severely that it will take an undetermined amount of plastic surgery to repair the damage. The other guy had his ear almost severed off--slashed with a jagged bottle that was first broke over his head.

Physically, both of them will eventually recuperate but emotionally these kids will be scarred for life. One of the thugs was caught red handed, literally, with the blood of the victims on his boot.

Listening to this tragic account became all the more horrifying to me as I realized my daughter could've been with them, and if she had -- well, I shudder to even imagine it.

No doubt about it, this was a hate crime. You would surely have to be consumed with hate to cold heartedly stomp a fellow human being almost to the point of death. I was in for yet another shock to discover that this insane act of violence had not been publicized. There were no warnings posted, no newsletters sent out to caution college students to be even more aware of their surroundings. It's appalling to realize that the only reason my daughter was aware of this is because it happened to her friends.

This sort of thing is certainly not limited to the school my daughter attends. Rape, fighting, and hate crimes involving one race against another are unfortunate realities our kids live every day on campus. It seems to me that when college officials are reluctant to get the word out, it only breeds disaster by putting our children in dangerous situations. Crime happens. No one is immune to its evil grasp. We can only hope this country's leaders will start becoming as focused on snuffing out this localized form of terrorism as they are in wiping out the foreign kind. Our security in the homeland is threatened every day by our very own homegrown terrorists--criminals who live by their own code of lawlessness. As a parent, I now find myself praying that both my daughters will make it safely through the college years-and that getting a degree won't cost them their innocence.

"First Lady of Jazz," plans to come to the Hemmens Cultural Center in Elgin

(Elgin, Illinois Feb. 14, 2003) An album of Barry Manilow original songs was just recorded in Hollywood by "the first lady of jazz," Diane Schuur, a native of Seattle, who will be appearing at the Hemmens Cultural Center on March 15, 2003.

Twelve new songs will be included in the new Concord Records CD, titled "Midnight," scheduled for release in the spring. Brian McKnight and Manilow both duet on the CD with Schuur, who's also about to celebrate her 25th anniversary in show business.

Blind since birth, she's achieved enormous musical accolades during her 25 year professional career, including two Grammy awards.

Manilow also co-produced Schuur's new CD, along with veteran producer Eddie Arkin, in the same Capitol EMI recording studios in Hollywood, where Frank Sinatra also recorded many memorable albums.

Manilow and Schuur first met in 1987 through Stan Getz for an album called "Swing Street". They've since remained friends. Unlike most contemporary recordings, this one was done the old fashioned way, with musicians in studio together at one time, including an orchestra of 31 strings and horns.

"It's a joy to participate in this project with Barry," says Schuur. "It's the most important album of my career to date."

Schuur's last collaboration was her most recent CD, featuring jazz legend, Maynard Ferguson. With a nickname like "Deedles" you've gotta be some one special, and, indeed, jazz artist Diane Schuur is certainly exceptional.

Critics often say she alone among female jazz artists can musically swing from child like innocence to bawdy mama blues, all in one song.

Her first big break didn't come until the mid 1970s when an informal backstage audition with trumpeter Doc Severinsen (then the leader of The Tonight Show band), landed her a spoke with Tonight Show drummer Ed Shaughnessy's group at the Monterey Jazz Festival.

Schuur sang a gospel suite with the bank, which impressed Stan Getz, who just happened to be in the audience. "I couldn't believe what I heard," Getz said in an interview. The resulting debut album, "Deedles", which was an instant hit with critics and listeners alike.

Over the next 13 years, Schuur made 11 albums, including two Grammy winners ("Timeless" and "Diane Schuur and the Count Basie Orchestra"). The recording she made with the Basie Orchestra spent 33 consecutive weeks at No.1 on the Billboard jazz charts.

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Eifman Ballet returns to Chicago Theatre

The world-renowned Eifman Ballet of St. Petersburg returns to Chicago for Five performances only, March 19, 21, 22 & 23, 2003 at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress Parkway. The critically-acclaimed dance company will perform the new, two act ballet, "Who's Who". Set in the 1920's, the ballet addresses issues that remain contemporary: immigration, the search for a better life, disillusionment, despair, love, happiness, and success.

Choreographed and directed by Founder Boris Eifman with set and costume design by Slava Okunev, "Who's Who" tells the story of Alex and Max, two classical dancers from the Russian Imperial Theater, who flee to America after the Revolution of 1917. Out of work and pursued by gangsters, the two find shelter in a nightclub, disguised as female dancers. Max has tragicomic adventures, desperately unhappy as an emigre, while Alex, who is in love with Lynn, the lead dancer, reveals his true identity to her and creates his own troupe.

Filled with subtle humor, irony, and sadness, "Who's Who" combines a dazzling array of 30th century dance-jazz, step, modern, classic, folk, clowning, pantomime; and acrobatics. The 1920's come alive through music by American, European, and Russian composers including Duke Ellington, Dave Brubeck, Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman, Scott Joplin, Kol Simkha, Samuel Barber, and Sergei Rachmaninoff. The story is further dramatized through cinematograpahic montages, bold scenery and lighting, and quick costume and scene changes.

Eifman Ballet is critically hailed as Russia's most innovative contemporary dance company. Known for its offbeat and colorful theatrics, Eifman is consistently a favorite for theatre and ballet lovers alike.

Eifman Ballet, founded by choreographer Boris Eifman in 1977 as St. Petersburg Ballet Theater, revolutionized the concept of classical dance in Russia. Eifman created a new type of dance with the methods of 20th century dramatic theater and film. Eifman Ballet uses all aspects of a theatrical production-musical expression, lighting effects and scenographic imagery-to create a rich and multi-dimensional theater experience.

In 1998, after celebrating its 20th anniversary, the company finally was awarded the title of "Academic Theater," the highest level of distinction for a Russian theater company, and a title shared by the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow and the Maryinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg.

The performance schedule for "Who's Who" is as follows: Wednesday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, March 21 at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, March 22 at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m.; and Sunday, March 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Single tickets for "Who's Who" range in price from $37 to $67 and are on sale now at the Auditorium Theatre box office, 50 E. Congress Parkway, through Ticketmaster at (312) 902-1500, at all Ticketmaster ticket centers or online at ticketmaster.com. Groups of 10 or more can receive a discount by calling (312) 922-2110 ext. 4.

Eifman Ballet is part of the Auditorium Theatre Council's hip, new "Opening Night" series for young professionals. On Wednesday, March 19, a special ticket price of $40 per person will include: main floor or box seating for the performance; a pre-show mixer at Russian Tea Time, 77 E. Adams, from 5:30-7 p.m. with authentic Russian fare, including caviar and varieties of vodka; and a vodka and champagne intermission party. For information and tickets call (312) 922-2110 ext 357.

Evergreen holds Preventive Health Screenings

Fact: Stroke is largely preventable and can happen to anyone. One of the largest obstacles to emergency treatment is that many people don't even know it when they are having a stroke. The University of Cincinnati reported that 52 percent of their acute stroke patients were unaware that they were experiencing a stroke. Preventive health screenings can make a difference.

Mayor James Sexton & Clerk Cathy Aparo announce "Life Line Screening", the nation's leading mobile vascular screening service, providing reliable, low-cost, preventive health screenings, will be coming to the Village Hall at 9418 S. Kedzie on Friday, March 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Life Line is offering 4 different screenings at three different price options: all four tests at a price of $125; complete vascular package at a price of $99; or you can pay for individual screenings. The screenings offered are as follows:

Stroke screening / carotid artery-$45. This screening visualizes the buildup of fatty plaque in the carotid arteries which leads to stroke. Fact: stroke is the 3rd leading killer in the United States.

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Pre-registration is required. To reserve your spot now, call (800) 407-4557. Remember, When it comes to your health, what you don't know can hurt.

Burbank Park District announces programs

There are still spaces available for the Isle of Capri Casino trip. This trip will leave on Friday, March 7th at 8:00 a.m. and returns at 7:00 P.M. The fee of $15 includes coachline transportation, 2 gaming sessions, and a lunch buffet, $5 cash back. Register soon at Newcastle Park. The next teen mixer will be held on Friday, March 14th from 7-9 P.M. at Burbank school. There is a $4 entrance fee. Only 3 dances left this year don't miss it!

Jr. Soccer

This is the perfect class for the first timers or those getting ready for the upcoming season. All basic skills of dribbling, passing, shooting and goaltending will be taught in a noncompetitive environment. This class will be on Tuesdays from 4-5 P.M. for ages 6-8 and from 5-6 P.M. for ages 9-12. The fee is $37 for residents and $56 for nonresistants register soon this class begins on March 18th.

The Burbank Park District offers a variety of fitness classes already in progress. It's not too late to join. Come in register at the discounted rate. We offer everything from boxing aerobics to pilates. Try our fit for life class which is a great way to work all of your muscles. Call 708-599-2070 for more information.

Little Pint T-Ball Spring Training

Younger kids will love this introduction to one of the most popular summer sports around. This is a great way for your child to learn all the basic skills such as: throwing, catching, base running, hitting and fielding. This will help them to prepare for our spring league. Register soon this class fills up fast. March 7 - April 11. Friday 3-3:45 P.M. for ages 4-5 and 4-4:45 P.M. for ages 6-7. The fee is $36 for residents and $54 for non residents.

Latin Dancing

Learn how to Mambo, Cha Cha, Samba, Merengue, Rhumba and Salsa. We will go over the basics. How to lead and follow dips, spins, and other fancy trick. This class starts Friday, March 7th and is from 7:15-8:5 P.M. at Stevenson Park. Register soon $28 residents $42 non-residents.

Trinity holds lent services

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9701 South Brandt will be holding Lenten services each Wednesday March 12th through April 9th at 11:00 AM. and 7:00 P.M.

"The stones would shout" will be the theme of Lenten services this year. As Jesus enters Jerusalem some complain about the loud praises. Jesus respond. "If these were silent, the stones would shout."

The dust from which we're made, brick of Egypt, David's stone, Jericho's wall, Satan's stone "bread", and the Pavement Stone of Jerusalem all point to the rock of our faith.

The church is located at 97th and Brandt Avenue (2 blocks west of Cicero)

Bremen has directory

Bremen high school district 228 is working with Harris Publishing to produce an alumni directory for each of its four school including Bremen High School, Tinley Park High School, Hillcrest High School and Oak Forest High School.

If you are an alumnus, and would like to update your information, please call the special telephone number listed below for the school you graduated from:

Bremen High School: 800-518-7466

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Hillcrest High School: 800-251-8262

Oak Forest High School: 800-238-0858

Anyone who wishes to order a copy of the directory may do so at the same time that updated information is provided.

Oak Lawn Library

Long-term service awards were give to: Dorothy Zmich, reference services librarian, for 25 years; Albert Krueger, building services department, for 20 years; Patricia Skau, youth services librarian, for 20 years; Kathleen Szott, administration department, for 20 years; and Theresa Oliver, patron services department, for 15 years.

Employees recognized for 10 years of service were: James Baker, head of technical services; Dr. James B. Casey, library director; and Karen Kettleson, technical services department.

Those with five years of service were: Carol Biel, administration department; Michelle Freese, youth services librarian; Marlene Gamboney, patron services department; Sharon Murphy, patron services department; and Kristy Ozminkowski, patron services department.

Brother Rice High School seniors (from left) Rob Noceda of Alsip, Ernest Motley of Beverly, Tim O'Connell of Beverly and faculty member Bill Pender of Tinley Park after the school's Founder's Day ceremonies.

Brother Rice Founder's Day celebrates school's diversity

Brother Rice High School seniors (from left) Rob Noceda of Alsip, Ernest Motley of Beverly, Tim O'Connell of Beverly and faculty member Bill Pender of Tinley Park addressed the faculty, students and Brother Rice Hall of Fame members during the annual Founder's Day ceremonies at the school in January.

Each student talked about his cultural background and what it means to him. Motley, speaking about Dr. Martin Luther King, talked about how the slain civil rights leader helped the country become more aware of its racial divisions and what American students today can do to help solve some of the lingering problems. O'Connell told the audience about how important it is to find one's roots and how important his Irish background is to him. He challenged students to discover their own roots and pass their heritage to the next generation. Noceda spoke about the importance of family and the role of religion in family life.

All three students spoke of the importance of understanding different cultures and how such understanding fosters tolerance toward others.

Pender, a 1990 Br. Rice graduate, explained the importance of his education and that even through he wasn't the best of students in high school, he persevered and succeeded in college and in his career.

Founder's Day celebrates the life and accomplishments of Edmund Ignatius Rice, founder of the Congregation of Christian Brothers and namesake of the school. The day also serves as a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patron Saint of the Americas. Every year, students and faculty members are selected to speak during about ways every Brother Rice student can incorporate Edmund Rice's beliefs of good will, tolerance and faith into their everyday lives.

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Irish Rovers return to the Center

Internationally acclaimed ambassadors of Irish music, the Irish Rovers return to The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University Saturday, March 8 at 8 p.m. Performing for more than 32 years and amassing more than 30 gold records, The Irish Rovers delight audiences worldwide with their blend of traditional Celtic selections, pub songs, folk and popular music. The Des Moines Register calls their lively performance "toe-tapping, hand-clapping, genuine fun."

The Irish Rovers, all native to Northern Ireland, relocated to Canada and consist of founders George Millar (guitar, vocals), his cousin Joe Millar (bass, vocals) and Wilcil McDowell (accordion, keyboards). Long-time friend Kevin McKeown has been with the group since 1984 (drums, bodhran, bones, vocals) and new inductees include John Reynolds (guitar, whistle, vocals) and Sean O'Driscoll (mandolin, banjo, guitar, vocals).

The Irish Rovers will perform at The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University Saturday, March 8 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $35 and $31. For ticket information call (708) 235-2222 or visit www.govst.edu/center. Two-for-one tickets are available two hours prior to curtain for one hour only based upon availability and must be purchased in person at the box office. Group rates are available for parties of 20 or more. The Center is located at Governors Highway and University Parkway 45 minutes south of the Loop, off I-57 at Sauk Trail. Parking is free. For more information on The Center for

Howley to Represent Hick. Hills in Aging program

In an effort to help address the needs of the growing senior citizen population, Mike Howley, candidate for Mayor of the city of Hickory Hills announced that he will represent Hickory Hills in the Aging Well Program. Aging Well is an initiative of greater Lyons Township that is intended to strengthen the quality of and access to senior health service. Representatives from over seventy organizations, including government officials, social service agencies and health-care providers, are involved in Aging Well, a program funded by a number of philanthropic groups whose missions are to improve health in the older adult populations.

Howley explained that the population 60 and older grew by 23% in the last twenty years and will grow another 41% by the year 2020. According to the most recent census, Hickory Hills has over 4,000 residents over the age of 50.

"Due to the rapid growth of the senior population and the obvious lack of coordination between elder service agencies and programs, it is imperative that elected officials take an active role in identifying available senior resources and services. Just as importantly, we must ensure that seniors are not only aware of the programs and services, but know how to conveniently access this assistance," Howley stated. "Because no one is immune to growing old, this issue must be addressed."

Aglow holds meeting

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, March 13, 2003, at the White Rose Banquet Hall, (formerly Burbank Rose) 6301 West 79th Street, Burbank, IL.

Returning as the featured speaker is Adeline Kramer, a member of Oak Lawn Community Church for over 40 years, where she is an Elder, Lay Coordinator, Prayer Ministry Chairperson and TEAM Calling Ministry Director.

Dinner tickets are $12.50, available at 6:30PM at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7:00PM. For reservations and/or additional information, please call Josephine at (773) 767-8031.

St. Barnadas, St. Patricks Family Liturgy

The most Rev. Edwin F. O'Brien, Archbishop for the United State Military, will travel from his headquarters in Washington, D.C. to St. Barnabas Catholic Church in Chicago's Beverly community to deliver the homily at that parish's 23rd annual St. Patrick's Family mass, which is scheduled for 7:30 P.M. Friday, March 14 (2003), in the church, 101st place and south Longwood drive.

Since they begin in 1981, organizers of the annual Liturgies, which have been called true celebrations of St. Patrick and the Irish in America, have earned a reputation for their creative blending of Celtic music and reading from Patick and other writer to bring emphasis to one or other aspect of their ethnic heritage.

Special invitations are being extended to all current and former Catholic military chaplains in the Chicago area to join Archbishop O'Brien, Father Raymond Tillrock, St. Barnabas pastor, Father John Noga associate pastor, and other priests in the celebration of the Eucharist.

The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (or Military Ordinariate), which Archbishop O'Brien heads, provides the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral and spiritual services to those serving in national defense and government offices overseas. It serves military personnel and their families at 22 installations in 29 countries, patients in 172 Veterans Administration hospitals and is responsible for federal employees in 134 countries around the world.

It includes more than 1,000 priests serving as full time chaplains on loan from 142 dioceses and 44 religious communities.

Archbishop O'Brien was named Archbishop for the Military by Pop John Paul II in 1997. Prior to his ordination as Auxiliary Bishop of New York the year before, he served as Rector of the Pontifical North American College in Rome (1990-1994), Rector of St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie, New York (1985-1989), chaplain in Vietnam to the 173rd Airborne, First Cavalry Brigade (1971-1972), Chaplain at Fort Bragg, N.C. to the 82nd Airborne Division (1970-1971) and civilian parish priest at the United State Military Academy, West Point (1965-1970).

In accepting our invitation to speak at this year's Mass, Archbishop O'Brien join a distinguished list of other throughout the years including Cardinal Joeseph Bernardin, Father Edmund "Monk" Molloy, president of the University of Notre Dame, Father John Piderit, president of Loyola University, Sister Lucillw McKillop, president emeritus of Salve Regina College, Rhode Island, Father Daniel Coughlin, Chaplain to the U.S House of Representatives, Bishops Raymond Goedert, William McManus, John Gorman and Timothy Lyne, Tom Cahill, author of "How the Irish saved civilization". Presiding Judge Sheila Murphy, Father Michael Perko, author and director, center for advances study of Christianity and culture, and late brother Colom Keating, worldwide head of the Irish Christian Brothers, and others.

Since 1981, men, women and children from throughout the city an surrounding suburbs have joined St. Barnabas parishioners in the annual masses, which seek to convey the rich values that flow from our Irish American heritage. Again this year, the Liturgy will be proceeded by series of musical selections beginning at 7 P.M. and be followed by a "tea and soda bread" reception in the parish's school hall.

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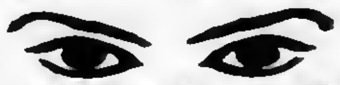

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Brosnahan passes bill

Receiving unanimous support in committee, State Representative Jim Broshan (D-Evergreen Park) passed legislation that extends at-home care nursing programs for developmentally disabled children over 18 years of age. Representative Brosnahan has passed this measure through the House on prior occasions, but it has stalled in the Senate.

"It is too often that those with disabilities are needlessly taken out of their homes and placed into institutionalized care due to the financial restraints on their families," stated Brosnahan. "This legislation will provide families with the necessary assistance to care for their loved ones at home."

House Bill 12 will ensure disabled children over the age of 18 will remain eligible for the public assistance they receive under the Illinois division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC), a program that helps families defray costs associated with home and community based care. House Bill 12 would require the Department of Human Services (DHS) to establish family support services that will enable autistic individuals to remain in family or cummunity based care.

With new leadership in the Senate, this legislation will now be given new life. "I am very optimistic about the possibilities of this legislation," Brosnahan said. "After receiving complete support in committee, I believe that this bill will have the momentum to move through both chambers of the General Assembly."

After passing out of committee, this bill now moves to the House floor, where it will be open for discussion to all of the members. Brosnahan currently sits as the vice-chairman of the Developmental Disabilities and Mental Illness Committee.

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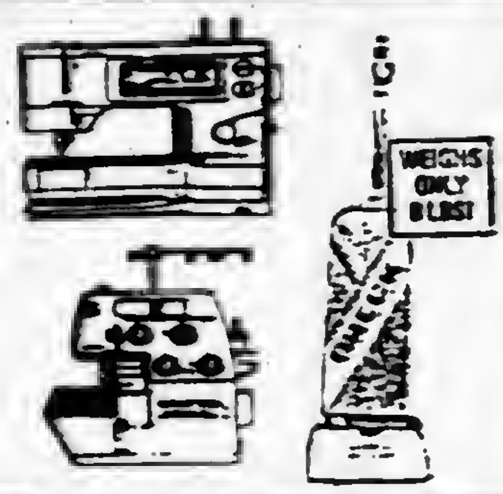

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"Hello Dolly" is an ebullient and irresistible story of the joy of living, glittering with happy songs, shining with loving scenes, alive with the personality of one of the most fabulous characters on the musical stage, Mrs. Dolly Gallagher Levi. The Fireside's production, directed by Ed Flesch, features a talented cast selected from their New York auditions including Joanne Borts as Dolly and Frank Stancati as the well known half-millionaire Horace Vandergelder. Musical Direction is by Paul Hamilton with Choreography by Kate Swan.

The Fireside is located on Business Hwy 26 on the south side of Fort Atkinson and includes several gift shoppes with an extensive selection of unique merchandise including many popular collectible lines and gifts for all ages and occasions.

"Hello Dolly" will be performed nine times weekly Wednesday through Sunday. Dining is required for all performances with a variety of menu choices depending upon when you attend. For tickets or additional information, call (800) 477-9505, write to The Fireside at P.O. Box 7. Fort Atkinson, WI 53538. or check out the web site at www.firesidetheatre.com.

Letter to the Legislator

I need your help. I shutter when I think about the added expense of everything that the American tax-payer will face shortly. We know that the honorable? Federal Reserve Chairman has had more flat money come into circulation for the past three years, like previous years. How can inflation be checked, as he says, when he advocates more paper money?

With the threat of war looming, Homeland Security, etc. etc.- I am expecting high inflation. Add this to the obligations the White House will have to you, in Congress, for going along with the President's programs.

This is my dilemma-with taxes going up and inflation going higher - How can I - How will I, keep up. There is only one solution and that is where I need your help. I do not expect you to help me like Bernard Baruch helped his "Boys" during World War II. Just let me know what companies and/or corporations will improve their balance sheets when all of these programs are passed. Do not bother listing corporations/banks that improve 10 to 20 %. I'd like to know about the ones that profited 100% to 1000% over the past years.

Marko Giannopulos

P.S. For those of you who are too young to know, Bernard Baruch was the head of the W.I.B. - W.W.II (War Industries Board.) Some people believe WIB was the coronym for Will Impress if Bribed.

The cast of "Caught in the net", a sequel to "Run for you life". Produced in Evergreen Park in January, 1991

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Theatre Alive

With Georgean Fitzgerald

Director David Mink returns to direct this hilarious comedy. Prior directing experience has included "Murder by the Book", "Funny Money", "Perfect Wedding", "A talent for Murder", "Play it again Sam", "Last of the Red Hot Lovers", Love, Sex and IRS", to name a few. Mink is a graduate of the notable Goodman Memorial School of Drama (formerly known as the Goodman Theatre). He is celebrating his fortieth year as a theater professional (actor producer, director). In the past years, David Mink has left his outstanding mark on other productions such as "Charteg's Aunt", "Bell, Book and Candle", "Same Time Next Year", and "Joe Egg". I regret, however, that an acquaintance, Jean Vanier, understudy, for the major role, Barbara Smith, could not perform in this role. After all, it was opening night. I know that she would have been very good too. Applause to the executive producer, CEO John R. Lazzara, and David Mink for a sparkling show. This is the hilarious story of a British taxi driver (Jack Hickey) who seems to have the perfect life, but he can't tell anyone about it. He is married to two beautiful women, Mary and Barbara, and has been for 17 years. Quite a scenario, as you would expect he has to schedule himself very carefully so neither wife gets suspicious. He needs to work extra shifts to keep each family in the manner they are accustomed. Then one day his two children, one by each wife discover each other on the internet. The charade continues with some obviously hilarious moments till stanley's senile grandfather shows up, and heck breaks loose. Final performance is the 9th.

Aladdin comes to Drury Lane

Opening on Wednesday, February 19, Aladdin, directed by Drury Lane Artistic Director Ray Frewen and written by Marc Robin will be presented through the end of May All performances are at 10:00 a.m.-days vary weekly.

Aladdin features Daniel Tatar as the title character, Lucia Spina as the loud-mouthed wise - cracking Genie, and Drury Lane favorite Dan Proctor as the evil sorcerer, Malaki. Betsy Blake plays the role of Aladdin's monkey friend Cashew, and Marci Medwed is the lovely Princess Zenovia. The story is narrated by Scheherezade, played by Kira Durgin, while her father, the sultan Karim is played by Eric Parker. Bryan McElroy is the charming Prince as well as several other roles.

From the Tales of the Arabian Nights, Aladdin is the story of a young boy who discovers a magic lamp inhabited by a genie who agrees to grant him three wishes. Come and join us to find out what he wishes for, how these wishes come to fruition, and if the young boy and the lovely princess really do live happily ever after!

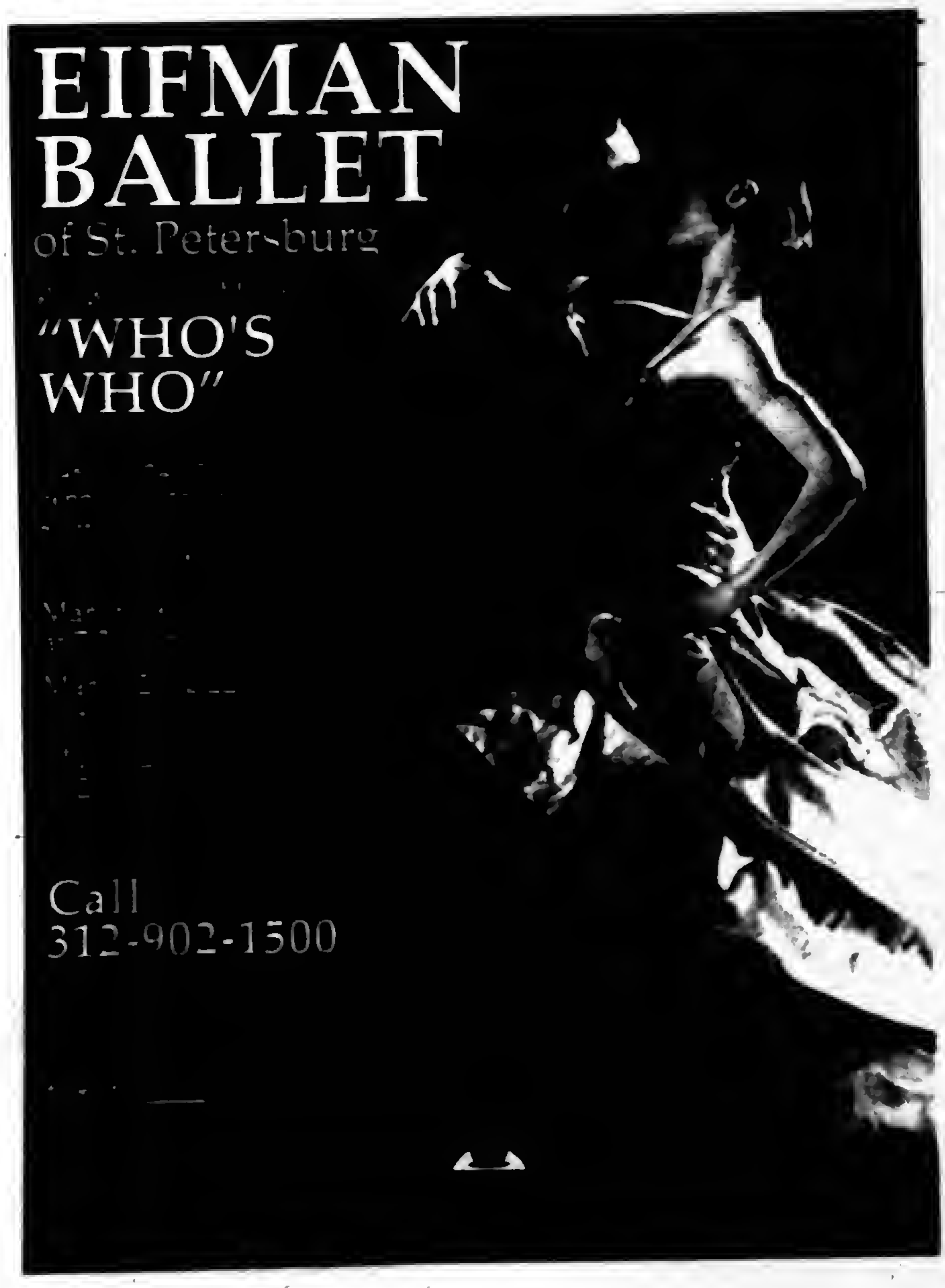
Aladdin, along with his magic carpet, his friendly monkey, and the inimitable Genie, promises to be fun for the entire family.

Tickets are $7.00 for children and adults, and $6.50 for groups of twenty or more. Please call for reservations and information: (630) 530-0111.

Farmers market accepting applications

The Village of Orland Park is now accepting applications for its 2003 Farmers Market. The market will be open rain or shine every Friday, except July 4th, from 7:30 A.M. to 1 P.M. from June 13th through October 10th. The farmers market is conveniently located in the parking lot directly south of the Civic Center, in the village complex at 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

For more information,call the village of Orland Park at 708-403-6145



BAC presents "American Dreams"

Beverly Arts Center of Chicago (BAC) presents The Acting Company, the acclaimed classical repertory theater company, in an original adaptation of "American Dreams: Lost and Found" by Studs Terkel, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and legendary oral historian. The Acting Company presents this production as part of its American Century series for two perfomances. Terkel will be in attendance opening night and will be a special guest at the post-performance reception. Performances are Friday, March 7 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 8 at 8 p.m. at BAC, 2407 W. 111th Street.

A kaleidoscopic portrait of our nation, "American Dreams: Lost and Found is a quintessential example of Terkel's ability to capture voices from all walks of life, depicting the simple dreams and grand aspirations of us all. Whether the goal is to run a small town newspaper, own a piece of land, build a fourth television network or become the best bodybuilder in the world, Terkel manages to glean highly dramatic, funny and powerful tales from each of his real-life encounters. The play was adapted by Peter Frisch and directed by Rebecca Guy.

Tickets are $25 for adults and $15 for children ages 12 and under. For more information, call the BAC box office at (773) 445-3838 or visit them online at www.beverlyartcenter.org.

Spring Fling presented

All ladies are invited to join St. George PTL and St. George Women's Club at their Fashion Show on March 30, 2003 from Noon to 4:00 p.m. It will be held at Di Nolfo's, 9425 West 191st St., Mokena. Adults are $35 and will be served Baked Boneless Chicken or Sirloin of Roast Beef (Must specify). Children 14 and under are $15 and will be served Chicken Fingers and Fries only.

Tell your mothers, daughters, friends, everyone you know about this fantastic event. Please respond by March 15th to Debbie Morrisy at (708) 687-3648 or call her for more information.

Marist seniors become finalists in Merit Scholarship competition

In October, five seniors from Marist High School were among the 16,000 students from across the United States who were named semifinalists in the prestigious 48th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

In an impressive feat, all five students have advanced to finalist standing in the 2003 Competition for Merit Scholarship Awards. Richard Gastineau (Chicago), Daniel Poineau (Chicago), David Sheffieck (Orland Park), Daniel Spelman (Palos Park), and David Zubricki (Palos Park), met all the requirements to become finalists. Each submitted high academic records, principal recommen- dations, and earned SAT scores that confirmed their qualifying test performance. In addition, they each completed applications that showcased a self-descriptive essay including their leadership in school and community activities.

Only 8,000 high school students across the United States will win Merit Scholarship Awards. Merit scholarship winners will be announced April-July 2003. Since the competition first began in 1956, over 200,000 impressive young students have been bestowed with the Merit Scholar title.

Founded by the Marist Brothers in 1963, Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street, is a private Catholic school serving the young men and women of southwest Chicago and the surrounding suburbs.

McAuley holds Luncheon and Fashion show

The annual Mother McAuley High School spring luncheon and fashion show, Friendship, Love and Loyalty, will be held Saturday, March 15, 2003, at the Martinique Restaurant, 2500 West 95th Street in Evergreen Park, beginning at 11:30 a.m. The event is open to all McAuley students and their mothers but especially honors seniors and their moms.

Sponsored by McAuley's Mothers Club, the show features the latest spring casual attire, elegant evening wear and a selection of white graduation dresses. Lili of Trieste II (Hickory Hills), Hansen's Villa (Manhatten), Annie's Ltd. (Oak Lawn), Bellisimo (Oak Lawn), Peaches (Chicago) and Mal's Mens Shop (Oak Lawn) will feature their latest fashions. Modern Tuxedo in Oak Lawn will provide formal wear for the escorts.

Sixteen McAuley seniors will stroll down the runway modeling fashions from Peaches from prom or graduation. Models include: Amy Cullnan (Chgo., Beverly), Maura Daly (Oak Lawn), Emily Ferrell (Palos Park), Jeannine Guyette (Oak Lawn), Jennifer Halm (Oak Lawn), Jana Hernandez (Chgo., South Deering), Jaime Hewitt (Lynwood), Jessica Jurlow (Alsip), Jennifer Liston (Orland Park), Erin McQuinn (Orland Park), Jacqueline Norton (Orland Park), Kerianne O'Donnell (Chgo., Mt. Greenwood), Jackie Petrosius (Palos Heights), Meghan M. Quinn (Chgo., Mt. Greenwood), Kristy Rudnicki (Chgo., Ashburn) and Mary Tuzik (Oak Lawn).

Grand raffle prizes include $1000 cash prize, a $500 St. Xavier Party Package, $350 Heritage Gallery gift certificate from John M. Smythe Furniture and many more fabulous prizes. All proceeds from the event and raffles are used toward the operating expenses of the school.

The spring luncheon and fashion show chairpersons are Mary Jo Guyette (Oak Lawn) and Lisa Prendergast (Oak Lawn), Kay Daly (oak Lawn) and Mari-ellyn Morreale (Chgo., Beverly) are co-chairpersons for the Grand Raffle. Other committee members include Karen Quinn (Chgo., Mt. Greenwood), Pam Chan (Chgo., Mt. Greenwood), Betty Zurawski (Alsip), Patti Cummings (Oak Lawn), Pat Singler (Chgo., Beverly), Patty McQuinn (Orland Park) and Melanie Woodward (Chgo., Mt. Greenwood).

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Mr. Bengal Contest held

Friday, March 14, 2003 is the date set for the 6th Annual Mr. Bengal Contest. The Oak Forest High School Junior class hosts the contest as a fund raiser to help offset expenses for the Prom. All the nominees are senior young men, who have been nominated by their fellow senior classmates. The entire student body then votes for the finalists. This year's contestants are: Troy Stuwe, Bran Gohnke, Brandon Miller, Andy Rhodes, John Czernizk, Joe Fedro, Bob burns, Jim Felgenhaur, Rob Hurley and Justin Law. All the contestants will model casual wear swim-suits and formal. They will also be judged on talent and their answer to a final question. A panel of eight Oak Forest staff members will serve as judges. This year, Mr. Bengal will win free tickets to the prom along with other prizes donated by local merchants. The top three vote getters will receive free tuxedos from J.P. Tuxedos in Oak Forest. Students, parents and the community are encouraged to attend this special evening that begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased at the door.

Library Expansion Project Update

As the foundation and basement of the library's new addition are built, you will see preparation under-way for the construction on a new, heavy-duty freight elevator. Handling book trucks, deliveries, maintenance equipment and other regular staff activities, the new freight elevator will allow our recently renovated public elevator to be devoted to patron use. In the months ahead, the structural steel framework for the new addition will be raised and put into place, providing a further outline to its final size and dimensions. During the entire construction process, our library has been a busy place. In 2002, the circulation of library materials was 5% higher (29,000 more items checked-out) than 2001. This increase was realized the most in our Audio Visual Unit.

For information, drawings and project photos, stop by the Building Expansion Project Information Center in the library's lobby or visit our "Building on a Solid Foundation in 2002-2003" web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/building.htm).

Advertise in our March 18th Spring Home Improvement/ Easter Issue Call: 708-423-975

Congratulations St. Pauls Crusaders

The 7th and 8th grade Girls Basketball team from St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Oak Lawn, has been invited to participate in the Lutheran Sports Association Statewide Tournament on March 7th, 8th and 9th. Only 16 of the best teams statewide are invited to participate in this tournament to be held at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Arlington Heights. The Crusaders and their coach, Amy Smock, have worked hard and have had a successful season, taking 2nd place in their South Suburban Lutheran Athletic League, 2nd place in Chicago Height Tournament, and 1st place in he girls Walther Lutheran Tournament in Melrose Park. For additional information call St. Paul School - 708 423-1058

Women's Guild - Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture

Committee 03/09/03
L to R
Ruth Katauskas, Chair (Marquette Manor), Ruth Hoffman (Palos Hills), Scottie zukas, President (Garfield Ridge), Irene Norbut (Palos Hills)

The 85th Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence will be commemorated by the Women's Guild of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture on Sunday, march 9th, at the Museum, 6500 S. Pulaski Rd., in Chicago.

At 2:00 P.M. the program will begin with "Historical Reflections" ably related by the former Chicago Vice consul Mary Kranchunas, in the first level Edward Mankus Audio-Visual Room. Progress to the present can then be viewed in the film "Lithuanian Countryside and City Highlights"

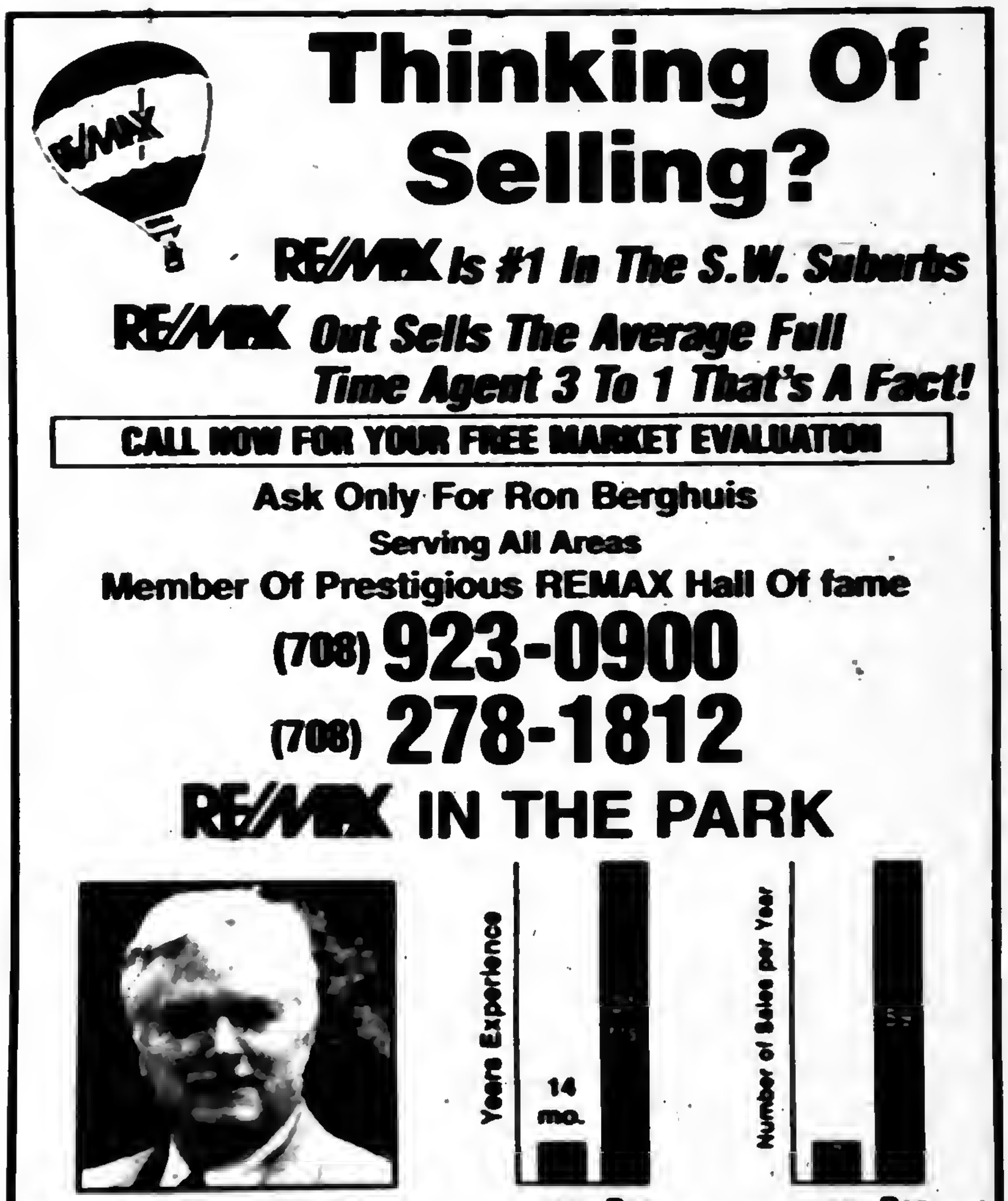
Following the presentation socializing and refreshments will be in the second level Amber Room. Committee Chair is Ruth Katauskas, 773 737 8085. No admission Fee

Carmel sponsors basketball final

The Mt. Carmel H.S. Alumni Assn. is sponsoring a NCAA basketball final four party in the MR. Carmel gym, 6410 S. Dante Chicago, IL., on Saturday, April 5, 2003 for the school's building fund.

The cost of the evening will be $35.00 and will include both games, food, beverages, door prizes and a hat. The games will be shown on an 11 FT. by 14 FT. video screen. There will be a raffle, $5000 first Prize, and the cost of Tickets is $50.00, and split the pot and pull tabs. Doors open at 5:00 P.M. with the first game starting at 6:00 P.M. Limited seating available - fist come, first served.

For information and tickets, Please contact Frank Kisala at 773-324-1020, Ext. 227.



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U.S. Golf Championship comes to Olympia Fields

This summer, one of the biggest sporting events in America comes to the Chicago Southland as Olympia Fields Country Club hosts the 2003 U.S. Open Golf Championship, June 9 - 15 in Olympia Fields, Illinois. To honor this monumental event, the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau recently released its 2003 Chicago Southland Visitors Guide, a commemorative edition featuring articles on this year's U.S. Open, and a narrative of the historic 1928 Open, a nail-biting playoff between Bobby Jones and Johnny Farrell also held at Olympia Fields.

An added feature highlighting two of the region's historic highways-the Lincoln Highway National Scenic Byway and the Dixie Highway-is also included in the 2003 Visitors Guide, giving visitors a sample of attractions and points of interest along both routes.

"As host region for the 2003 U.S. Open Golf Championship, we've added a feature article and pictures that highlight the proud golf tradition of the Chicago Southland," said Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau President/CEO Jim Garrett. "The U.S. Open is an event that we're very proud to be hosting in the Southland, and our U.S. Open and Lincoln/Dixie Highways features have added a new dimension to this year's guide."

Widely considered a one-stop resource to Chicago's 60 south and southwest suburbs, the 2003 Visitors Guide is packed full of timely information on regional amenities, including accommodations; restaurants; antiquing communities, shopping malls and unique retailers; cultural and historical attractions; recreational areas, golf courses and sports venues; transportation providers; and Southland municipalities, regional organizations, and business services. Various maps are included to direct visitors to specific points of interest.

The 2003 Visitors Guide features over 60 hotels and motels with more than 6,000 rooms, from first-class full-service hotels to economy motels, many of which offer complimentary continental breakfasts. Most are conveniently located off major interstates. Sixty restaurants are featured in the guide, from fine dining to family-oriented, offering a wide variety of outstanding American and ethnic cuisines. Lodging and dining information is also available in grid format.

The 80-page Chicago Southland Visitors Guide is marketed to potential visitors through leisure and trade advertising, public relations efforts in newspapers and magazines throughout the Midwest and the nation, via the Bureau's website and other web resources, and through tourism industry trade shows and sales initiatives. The guide is distributed through all Chicago Southland hotels and motels, state information centers, visitor information centers in public buildings, airports and train stations, and Bureau member restaurants, retail businesses, municipalities and regional organizations.

To request a free copy of the 2003 Chicago Southland Visitors Guide, call the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau at (708) [illegible], at the Bureau website, www.visitchicagosouthland.com or via e-mail at info@visitchicagosouthland.com.

PACES holds lecture

PACES (Parent and Child Education & Support Organization) presents an open lecture on Tuesday, March 18 at 9:30 a.m. at the Palos Park Presbyterian Church, 123rd St. & 80th Ave., Palos Park. Get tips from an enthusiastic member of Language Stars on how and when to introduce a second lan- guage to your child. PACES is a not-for-profit organization centered on providing education, friendship, and support to new parents and their children - birth through age five. For additional information, please contact Dana Bagatiry (708) 952-0867 or DanaFrom Paces@aol.com.

Brother rice bowling finishes 12th in state

In the first year that boys bowling has been officially recognized by the IHSA, both the Brother rice High School varsity and JV squads captured the Catholic League Playoff Championships with senior Tim Brown of Evergreen Park and coach Cliff Fenzik of Mt. Greenwood being presented with the Tony Lawless Awards. The tournament team then went on to finish 2nd at its Sectional to qualify them to make the trip downstate for the final.

In the end, the team finish 12th in a field of 111 teams with junior Chris Schuch of Oak Lawn averaging 216 for 9 games while freshman Nick Palangi of Garfield Ridge followed closely by averaging 215.

Heavy Metals can be Restored

By Anita Gold

Q. We have an old trunk filled with assorted brass items including doorknobs, outdoor lanterns, door pushers, and other pieces, salvaged from an old demolished hotel. All of the pieces are badly stained and have turned black being exposed to wet mud. Nothing we've used so far will properly clean them, and the ugly tar-like black stains and streaks still remain. How can they possibly be restored to their original shine?
Rebecca Allen, Decatur, IL

A. I've been down that road myself once having a beautiful Swedish brass candleholder that developed black spots due to floodwater damage, that wouldn't come clean or shine after using various products. Then at an antique show I found the right product, which not only restored the piece to better than its original shine, but also kept it shining brightly for over a year. That product is **MAAS Metal Polish** which effortlessly not only restores and shines to perfection badly stained brass, but copper, chrome, silver, gold and everything else from old glass fireplace doors to discolored stainless steel sinks leaving a lasting shine-no matter how badly stained, spotted, discolored, flood damaged, weathered, dirty, dingy, drab, or dull they may be, and will also beautifully clean flatware embossed with fancy curlicue patterns embedded with ugly white residue left from years of polishing that looks awful when serving dinner guests, giving them cause to gossip. It is available in a large bottle for $9.95 plus $2.95 shipping which includes a free polishing cloth dry-treated with the MAAS formula (perfect to keep jewelry, ornaments, plastic, glass, and ceramic knickknacks dustproof, and shining for months). After polishing, preserve outdoor brass lanterns and other metals exposed to harsh weather by wiping on MAAS Metal Protector, available in a large tube for $9.95 plus $2.95 shipping. Send to MAAS Polishing Systems, Dept. D, P.O. Box 128, LaGrange, IL 60525-0128.

Q. I get so mixed up not knowing how to tell pewter, from silver, from Sheffield plate. Where can I find information on such pieces, and learn how to tell the difference between them?
Carrie Peterson, Long Beach, CA

A. An incredible book with an extensive chapter on Metalwork that'll tell you in detail what you want to know, teach you how to recognize reproductions and doc tored-up fakes regarding metal and other antiques, which includes values for many of the items pictured in black and white and color, and offers a "school-room-in-a-book" education for collectors and dealers alike is " Mr. Antiques® Basic book of Antiques-4th Edition-Educational Information about Furniture, Glass, Ceramics, Metals, Paintings, and More" by George Michael. It is available in an easy-to-use 250-page edition for $25.95 postpaid from Krause Publications, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990-0001. Or phone (800) 258-0929 toll free to order. I must say that it was George Michael who was a pioneer in hosting his TV show "Antiques" thus opening a path for other antique TV shows to follow.

Q. I have numerous old watches left to me by my father, who found them at flea markets and pawnshops over the years. How can I find out more about them and their value?
George Marshall, Long Beach, CA

A. You'll find every type of watch imaginable ranging from fancy pocket types to funny comic examples, listed and fully described with their history, makers, manufacturers, marks, origins, identifications, dates, styles, years when made, names, numbers, material made from, and current values in three grades-average, extra fine, and mint condition, in the new hot-off-the-press annual NO.23, 2003 Complete Price Guide to Watches" With Numerous Updated Price Changes", by Cooksey Shugart, and Tom Engle & Richard E. Gilbert, available in a thick 1,200-page mini-encyclopedia with more than 350 watches listed, over 7,850 illustrations, plus watch terminology, and tips on grading and appraising watches, and lots more for $32.95 postpaid from Collector Books, P.O. Box 3009 Paducah, KY 42002-3009. Or phone (800) 626-5420 toll free to order.

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St. Laurence names new head varsity football coach

St. Laurence High School (Burbank) Principal, Brother Michael Segvich, has announced that Mr. Jim Gramme has been named the school's new Head Football Coach. Gramme will begin his new position immediately. He will succeed Mr. Tim Johnson, who will be devoting more time to his family and pursuing educational goals.

Gramme, a resident of Orland Park, is a 1978 graduate of St. Laurence. He is the father of triplets, James, Jonathan and Nicole. He previously served as the Head Varsity Football Coach at Chicago De La Salle High School from 1991-2000. He compiled 54-40 record during his decade as coach of the Meteors, including being Class 5A semifinalists and coach of the year in 1995. Also, he led the team to a league championship and one appearance in the Pre Bowl. In 2002 he served as the head Freshman Football Coach for St. Laurence.

Gramme graduated from St. Xavier University in Chicago, and has two graduate degrees, a master of Arts in Educational Administration and a Master of Arts in History.

When he attended St. Laurence, Gramme played on the Viking's Class 5A State Championship football team as a junior in 1976, and was named all-catholic and all area as a guard his senior year on the squad, which reached the state semifinals.

"I'm very excited about being named Head Football Coach of St. Laurence High School, my alma mater", commented Gramme. "It is truly an honor to serve at such a tradition-laden school which has fostered a championship spirit through the years. I can't wait to get going."

For more information, Jim Gramme can be contacted at 708-458-6900, extension 236.

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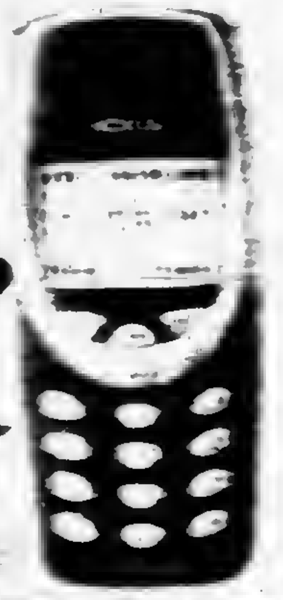

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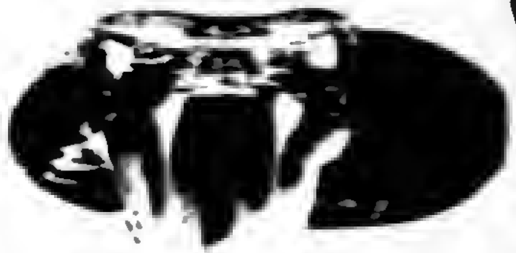

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Orland Park to hold open house

The village of Orland Park's playschool program is designed to help pre-schooler's develop the skills necessary for independent learning and socialization in a warm, fun filled environment.

The Orland Park recreation and Parks Department will host its Playschool Open House on Wednesday, March 12, 2003. Both of the village's pre-school facilities will be showcased for parent from 6:30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Orland Park offers preschool at the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue and at the Robert Davidson Center, 14700 Park Lane adjacent to the Orland Pk. Public Library. "Each year, we allow ample time for parents visit both buildings to decide where they'd like their children to attend preschool," said Orland Park Recreation Program Supervisor Irene Bulterne, the full time staffer who oversee's the program.

Offered by the Orland Park recreation and the Parks department for the last two decades, Playschool is comprised of two divisions. Beginning Playschool, which meets two days a week for two hour sessions, is available for pre-schoolers who will be three years old by September 1. Advanced Playschool is open to four and five year olds, offered three days per week, in two and one half hour sessions. Orland Park's Playschool follow's the standard academic year, September through May.

Roberta Flender joined Orland park's Playschool staff as an instructor in 1979, and was named the program's coordinator in 1989. "This is an exciting time for parents, especially those getting ready to enroll their first child in a preschool program. Our open house is a wonderful way for parents to see all that we offer," she said.

Acclaimed as one of the best kindergarten preparatory programs in the area, Orland Park's Playschool helps prepare children for the academic and social opportunities of kindergarten. Creating a well rounded academic foundation, Orland Park's playschool curriculum includes [illegible], arts and crafts, games, holiday parties and field trips. Lesson plans for the three year old Beginners include activities that promote hand-eye coordination, balance, body awareness and more. The advanced level, for four and five year olds, helps to prepare the young student for kindergarten. Both levels include letter and number recognition, science, creative art and more. "We have received very positive feedback from kindergarten teachers and parents," Flender said. "Teachers have let us know that the students who graduate from the village's program are well adjusted, both emotionally and socially, and are at the right level to begin their academic careers," she added. "The stress of being in the classroom for the first time is eliminated because they've already adjusted to a classroom setting with the recreation Department's Playschool," Flender noted. Orland Park's Playschool faculty includes many degreed professionals who have chosen to work part time in order to be with their children. All of the instructors have strong backgrounds in early childhood education and all are certified in CPR and first AID.

"We have a wonderful faculty that truly loves what they do," Bulterne said. "We have moms many of whom have put their full-time careers on hold, who teach our students, as well as educators and early childhood majors from the local colleges and universities. It's a diverse group," she added. Classes are held at both the Franklin E. Loebe recreation Center and at the Robert Davidson Center, adjacent to the Orland park library. Morning and afternoon sessions are available for both age groups.

"We're looking forward to having the many new families in Orland Park area enroll in our program," Flender said. "We've had the second, third, forth and fifth child in many families come through the program, not to mention our Playschool alumni who are now returning with their own children," Flender added, smiling. Further information and registration is available at the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department, located in Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue, or by calling 708-403-PARK (7275).

Sheriff bowls for kids

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan gets ready to bowl at the kickoff for the Cops-for-Kids bowling tournament. Employees from the Sheriff's Office participate in this annual event and raised more than $60,500 last year. The proceeds from Cops-for-kids bowling benefit the Big Brothers Big Sister organization in Chicago.

Professionals headed for state

Robert Morris technical Center in Orland Park was the recent site of the Business Professionals of America area competition. Mrs Bonnie Clark, teacher and sponsor of the Oak forest BPA chapter announced the names of the students that qualified for the Illinois State BPS Competition to be held in Oak Brook, Illinois on March 6th, 7th and 8th.

The students that placed first in area events were: Laura Clark, Shawna Singrin, Angie Weinert, Jackie Foss, Jeremy Rose, Christopher Costantino, Jeff Kurek, Taylor Bussie, Jennifer Lyons, Brittany Bauman, Dan Sandez, Tara Howley and Claire Grimm. Second place winner were: Adam Davis, Shawna Singrin, Amanda Stawychey, Jamie McCartney and Adam Davis. Jeremy Rose and Jeff Kurek took third place honors while Ashley Bozzi and Clare Grimm received fourth place honors.

Mrs Clark was very please with the number of students that qualified for the state competition and is confident that many of the Oak forest students will qualify for Nationals.

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VA enrollments

Veterans with questions about the VA health car system, eligibility and enrollment are invited to a special question and answer presentation at 7 P.M. on March 13, 2003 at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue.

The village of Orland Park mayor's Office of Special Services has invited Keith Bristow, Ambassador-Patient Administrative SVC Team at Hines VA medical center to answer veteran's questions about enrollment and benefits. Congress has required that after October 1, 1998, most veterans must be enrolled to receive VA hospital and outpatient care. Congress has also expanded the range of medical services that enrolled veterans may receive.

Veterans may apply for enrollment at any time. Mr Bristow will answer common questions about enrollment and benefits. For more information, please contact the Mayor's Office of Special Services at 708-403-6188.

Disability expo

Mayor McLaughlin's Office of Special Services, in cooperation with the Village of Orland park Community Relations Commission, will host a Disability EXPO on Saturday, March 29, 2003 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. The expo will be held at the Orland park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue.

The Disability Expo will feature services and products from Vendors and agencies serving the needs of individuals with all types of disabilities. For more information, contact the Mayor's Office of Special Services at 708-403-6188.

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Green Hills library news

Calling all one and two year old's and their care givers. Join us for this four-week program beginning March 11th at 10:30 A.M.

We will read stories, sing songs watch finger plays, and flannel board stories. Contact the Youth Service's Department to register or for more information. The library is located at W. 103rd street in Palos Hills.

Calling all teachers who work in the Green Hills Public Library District. You are invited to see and hear about the many resources the library has to offer teachers and their students.

Refreshments will be served. Please register by March 7 in Youth Services or by phone at 598-8446 ext 19. The library is located at 8611 W. 103rd street Palos Hills

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Join us March 12 at 7:00 P.M. for an evening of beautiful music with classical guitarist Damien Ahern. The library is located at 8611 W. 103rd street Palos Hills

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Antiques program with Rex Newell is back by popu-

Hills residents only. Sign up at the reference desk to receive your entry ticket. Registration begins March 4th. The library is located at W. 103rd street in Palos Hills.

8th Annual Palos Olympic Open hosted

The 8th Annual Palos Olympic Open was hosted by Palos Olympic Health & Racquet club in Palos Hills, February 21-23rd. Bill Hawkins receives a trophy from tournament directory, Tom Utterback. Bill won in the men's C Division.

Palos Heights holds City Council Meeting

By Carlene O'Connor

At the Feb. 18th meeting of the Palos Heights city council several people gathered to show support for police officer George Drikos, he claims he was unfairly passed over twice for promotion to the position of Sergeant.

The mayor agreed to look into the matter and the city attorney Tom Brown said, "You can be skipped over twice but not three times."

The Palos Heights Fire and Police Commission is in charge of promotions and hiring, not the council.

Drikos is the number one candidate for sergeant based on oral and written examinations, job performance and seniority.

Curt James, Orland Park, who spoke in support of Drikos, told the council, he will be back in support of him.

It has not yet been decided if this matter will go to court.

There was discussion over Westgate and the Annexation agreement.

Mark Staehlim, President of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128, addressed the council opposing the motion to terminate the city's impact fees to school District 128 and 218, Parks and Recreation Department, and Palos Heights Public Library for the second, third, and fourth quarter of 2002.

Aldermen discussed whether they could drop the fees, disbursement, and the annexation agreement with the city. Actually, they seemed confused by the working of the agreement as Alderman Jean Gnap (1st Ward) admitted.

Alderman Fulkerson made a motion to defer further discussion to the next council meeting.

Vouchers were approved in the amount of $408,051.52.

A resolution was passed for $96,000 for 177th Street Signalization Project. This came from MFT funds.

Donna Turek, owner of Ben Franklin on Harlem Ave. is very unhappy with the sign ordinance given to Blockbuster. The huge billboard is on the Blockbuster property and is less than two inches over the limit allowed by the city ordinance.

Turek wanted the sign taken down. City Council members unanimously granted a 30 day permit to Blockbuster until a final decision could be made at the next meeting of License, Permits, and Franchises.

The original motion called for a 90 day permit.

The next city council meeting will be on March 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Rebels Football Registration

Registration for the Hickory Hills "Rebels" Youth Football, Inc. Organization will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 8th, at the Justice Village Hall (behind the Police / Fire Depts.) 7800 S. Archer Road, at Cork Ave.

Competition is for grade school students in the following categories: ages 7-10, maximum 95 pound weight limit; 10-12, 115 pound limit; and 12-14, 145 pound limit (age as of Nov. 14, 2003).

The Rebels also have three cheerleader teams comprised of girls ages 7-14.

Registration fee is $150 for football player, $145 for cheerleaders, which includes a prepaid $50 raffle book, refundable upon sale of the 50 raffle tickets.

A $20 deposit (non-refundable) is required at registration.

Equipment and uniforms are provided. Please bring boys original birth certificate for age verification only. Players and cheerleaders for the Rebels reside in many areas of the southwest area, including Hickory Hills, Palos Hills, Justice, Bridgeview, Willow Springs and Summit, and many others.

Coaches and board members will be present to answer questions and discuss their program for the upcoming season. Practice for the Rebels 34th season will begin mid-July with a 1 week fundamentals camp. Practices are at the Justice Park District, 7800 S. Archer Road.

For more information, please call: Evan (708) 415-1270; Lisa Garner (708) 207-4313; Pat Sexton (708) 599-6012; Bob (708) 598-6549

Elvis in Palos Pizza

Saturday March 8th, 2003 Rock n Roll the night away with Chicago's Premier Elvis Tribute Artist Bob West.

Bob brings his energy show back by popular request to Palos Pizza 8650 W. 103rd Street i Palos Hills. Show time is 9:00 P.M. with no cover charge. Seating is limited. For more info please call 708 598 2233

Employee of the Year

Jennifer Walsh, 24, of Chicago Ridge has been named employee of the Year for Hinsdale Hospital, at Hinsdale Hospital, 120 N. Oak. More than 90 employees attended a gala awards ceremony that took place Friday, Jan 31, at Maggiano's in Oak Brook. She is the daughter of James and Caryl Walsh of Orland park. Walsh received her applied associate degree in 2000 from Moraine Valley College, Palos Heights. An Employee at Hinsdale Hospital since June 2001, Walsh is the lead Radiologic Technologist in the Diagnostic Radiol-

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Trustee Stancik returns from Washington DC

by Matt Mayer

The Oak Lawn village board of trustees meeting on March 11th commenced with a fire department appointment and swearing in of fire fighter Bryan Godyla.

Trustee Ron Stancik returned earlier in the day from his first trip to Washington DC, after accepting a seat on the Energy Environment and Natural Resources Committee of the National League Cities.

Stancik briefly outlined a full day meeting he attended in Washington DC on Saturday March 9th. He said the committee will be pursuing 3 issues for the year; preservation of our natural resources, sustainable development (smart growth) and solid waste. Stancik said everyone of the cabinet members that had a subject to present were present. Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge also gave a presentation at the conference.

Stancik said he is optimistic Oak Lawn can pursue some grants that are available. He also said he has been complaining that Oak Lawn hasn't received the 1st responder money, which was promised. Stancik said that some of the issues he brought back for the Village of Oak Lawn to look into include: compatibility of surrounding communities emergency systems. He said it is apparent that across the country a number of life's have been lost due to the inability of emergency personal to communicate with each other.

In addition, he also brought back applications for a grant for assistance to Firefighters and a community policing grant. He said there is a great deal of money that may be available.

However the process is competitive as well as appearing very complicated. Stancik is very optimistic that Oak Lawn's staff is competent enough to handle the complexities of the process.

Trustee William Kean expressed concerns in regards to the 911 dispatch service. He heard on the news prior to the meeting that Chicago Ridge has lost a judgment on a law suit regarding a 911 call. The person had recently moved and retained the same phone number. However dispatch was unaware of this change of address. Kean said he has spoken to the Village Manager, Joseph Faber, prior to the meeting in regards to this issue. Kean thought this would be a good time to remind Oak lawn dispatchers, that the necessary procedures are in place so that this type of incident doesn't happen in Oak Lawn.

A request petitioned by Thomas Furlong for a driveway width variation at 5853 and 5875 Lamb Drive was approved, as well as a request petitioned by Thomas and Karen Zolnik for a garage height variation at 6831 west 96th street.

The board also approved a request for the special use in a public lands zoning district to allow advertising signs at 4201 West 95th street for Fox College.

The board approved Meneghini's west 90th street resubdivision of 2 lots at 5824 W. 90th street which include the required lot area variations. AZA Construction company's Austin Avenue Consolidation of 1 lot at 9945 S. Austin including the required lot variations was approved, as well as AZA Construction Company's Nashville Avenue resubdivision of 2 lots at 9041 S. Nashville Ave.

A request by the appeals board for a garage height variation, as well as an ordinance amending the code to increase the garage height, from 14 feet to 16 feet was approved. The board approved an ordinance approving the official zoning map of the village of Oak Lawn as well as a request by the Park District for funds to help defray the cost of the 4th of July fireworks.

A request to waive the bidding process and award the contract to Unique Landscaping Chicago was approved, due to the need to expedite the required services as well as the specific quality and reliability of the vendor.

The board also extended the contract to Crest & Sons for sidewalks and curb construction. The board approved a request to waive the bidding process and purchase a Caterpillar backhoe front end loader for the Department of Public Works - Sewer Division, based upon the Sewer Division having an opportunity to attend a demonstration from 3 major manufacturers. Also the village has proclaimed March 9-15 as Girl Scout week.

The meeting ended with Village clerk, Jane Powers reminder that absentee voting began the morning of the meeting and the clerks office will be open daily from 8:30 A.M to 5 P.M. as well as following Saturdays march 22, 25 and 29th from 9 A.M. to noon.

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Mildred Sujka and Patricia Roberts, library foundation board members, join William R. Brouwer, president of Oak Lawn bank, in reading "The Oak Lawn Story," a limited edition book about the village of Oak Lawn that you may purchase at the Oak Lawn Public Library

"Stay home and read a book ball"

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation proudly announces that William R. Brouwer, president of Oak Lawn bank, will serve as the honorary chair of their seventh annual "Stay home and read a book ball" fund raiser held during national library week, April 6-12.

The "Stay home and read a book ball" is a special "non-event" fundraiser that requires minimum effort from participants. There is no need to get all dress up, drive across town and stay out too late. Instead, donors simply make a tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation and decide for themselves when they would like to "stay home and read a book." This year, all donations will be used toward the library's building expansion and renovation project.

The Oak Lawn community Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that formed in 1995 to seek private sector support for the future needs of the Oak Lawn Public Library. The foundation is governed by a volunteer board of community members whose time and energies allow them to operate without administration costs.

For more information, pick up donation material in the library's lobby or call 708-422-2990.

Economic Development Commission

Mike Howley, candidate for Mayor of Hickory Hills, today unveiled a formal Economic Development Commission to proactively market Hickory Hills to desirable businesses.

Howley explained that the Economic Development Commission would be made up of the City's Building Commissioner, local business leaders and two resident volunteers selected by the City Council. The Commission's main objective is to be hands on in marketing Hickory Hills to reputable businesses. He also said that the Commission would be directly accountable to the mayor.

"Having lived in Hickory Hills my entire life, I know firsthand that it's a tremendous place to live and raise a family, however the city can do more to attract new merchants," Howley said. "By assembling an Economic Development Commission and making them accountable is certainly a step in the right direction."

Currently, the City of Hickory Hills sales tax revenues make up nearly one third of the income necessary to run the city. Howley, a current 3rd Ward Alderman, explains that after going door-to-door in the community to hear residents' concerns, many citizens feel that more proactive measures should be taken to spur economic development. According to Howley, the City has no formal economic plan to bring businesses to Hickory hills. The Hickory Hills Municipal Election is Tuesday, April 1st.

Gold can be hammered into foil ten times as thin as a sheet of paper.

What Do Eye Care Optical

by Annette Dixon

Allan Califman introduced his eyewear by mentioning their 1st anniversary on March 18, 2003 and thanking everyone for purchasing from "What Do I Care". He also mentioned that he was affiliated with Anglo American Optical Co., Ltd., for 15 years.

All Anglo American sunglasses styles are created by their own designers in London. They are hand made in their own factory in England and Italy. They also come with 1 years warranty.

The sunglasses are hypo-allergenic, unlike petroleum based plastics which can cause skin irritations. Anglo American Acetate sunglasses are made mainly from cotton. Look for the no nose pads in Anglo American glasses and sun glasses.

The metal frame's are made from numerous alloys such as copper, nickel, aluminum and stainless steel. Therefore the frames are lighter, more durable and much more comfortable to wear.

One can ask about designer frames. Just ask Allan about his own sunglasses, for they are diamond shaped and have a unique design on the ear piece. Allan said "They are one of a kind and I am not selling my design".

Speaking of designer frames a special mention goes to celebrities who purchased glasses from Allan. They are Elton John, Bruce Willis, Drew Carey, Architect Philip Johnson and Rick Schoeden.

He said" All the frames used as props on Saturday Night Live are Anglo American frames. Austin Powers, Batman and Spiderman movies all used Anglo American frames."

When approaching the display and looking at the most purchased brand name such as Bolle and Rayband I couldn't help noticing the small children's collection.

For children 3-10 year old the Nickelodeon Brand was the most popular for glass wear.

Sponge Bob glasses and even Barbie glasses were available. Allan brought to our attention glasses for children under 3 and with special needs. It's all in the ear piece.

The unique clear glasses just came in straight from the factory in London. The country of origin is on every frame and this is what you look for when purchasing your glasses. Check the metal and see how it is made. Is it made with spring hinges? Is it a designer frame such as Gucci, Versace, Calvin Klein etc.

Allan invites you to come into the shop at 9850 S. Kedzie Ave., Evergreen Park, look around and if you don't see what you want, ask and he can get any frame that you request. "We are the high end of the southside for wholesale pricing."

As a wholesaler Allan Califman can equipe opticians with their needs also. We offer custom service in store, pick out your own frame and we refer a doctor for your eye exam. Mr. George Nista, optometrist will conduct and eye exam for you.

Allan would like to thank all of the past customers who helped to make his first year a success. He is proud to be at this location and stated his first year was beyond his expectations.

Shannon Connors from County Kildare, Ireland stated "If I were to get glasses I would go there, and I would like to design my own glasses". Shannon also reminded this reporter to mention the new polycarbonate lenses. You get accuracy and distortion free optics in the thinnest, lightest and highest impact resistance lense.

Ask about these lenses the next time you visit, Why Do I Care at 9850 S. Kedzie, phone 708-636-2020.

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Association of retired employees holds meeting

The National Association of Retired Federal Employee's (NARFE) chapter 1106, will hold their next meeting on March 19, 2003 at 10 A.M. in the Oak lawn municipal building located at 9446 Raymond Ave. (5300 West)

This nonprofit organization consists of retired federal employees, their spouses, survivors and current active employees who live in the southwest Chicago and the southwest suburbs. NARFE gives expert advice and service with the many questions retirement and pre-retirement brings.

If you are interested in joining or need more information, please join us at this meeting or call 708-458-4990

Oak Lawn Garden Club to hold meeting

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its' March meeting on Thursday, March 27th at 4625 W. 110th St. at 9:15 a.m.

The program will be "The Care and Growing of Cactus and Succulents," presented by Mr. Biernacki. Mr. Biernacki had been a Horticulturist for many years and owns and operates Ted's Greenhouse in Tinley Park. Plants will be available for purchase after the program. Hostesses will be Betty Von Holst, Pauline Leyerle, and Paula Smart.

Residents of surrounding communities are welcome to attend a meeting as guests.

For further information, call (708) 424-4846.

Burbank Park District Recreation

Teen Mixers

Don't miss the next Teen Mixer on Friday March 14th. The dance will be held at Burbank School, (83rd & Linder Ave.) from 7-9 P.M. There is an entrance fee of $4.00. You must have a Burbank Park District I.D. to enter, no exceptions!!! Doors will open promptly at 7:00 P.M.

Jr. Soccer

This is the perfect class for first timers or those getting ready for the upcoming season. All the basic skills of dribbling, passing, shooting and goaltending will be taught in a noncompetitive environment. A game will be played at the end of each class. Register soon at Newcastle Park. The fee is $37 for residents and $56 for nonresidents. Classes will run March 18th-April 29th. 6-8yrs will be from 4-5 P.M. and 9-12yrs will be from 5-6 P.M.

Micro Soccer

This class is for children 3-6yrs Old. It is held at Newcastle Park on Saturday morning from 9:15-10:00A.M. for children ages 3&4 from 10:15-11:00A.M. for children ages 5 &6. All the basic drills will be reviewed. After the first week we will play games and all kids will receive a trophy. This is a six week program starting March 15th, register soon!

Wedding Dance Workshop

Are you in the process of planning for you BIG day? Sign you bridal party up for our Wedding Dance Workshop where we will teach you to dance to Ballroom, Big Band, Latin, slow and contemporary dance music. Our "Crash Course" includes: leading and following, traveling, spins and dips. This class is perfect for anyone in or going to a wedding. If you happen to be the Bride or Groom to be, bring your wedding song in on tape. Singles and couples are welcome. Register at Newcastle Park soon. This class will take place at newcastle park on Friday April 11th from 6:30-9:30 P.M.

Self Defence for Women

Here is a chance to learn how to defend yourself, and how to avoid dangerous situations. Learn the myths and facts about self defence. Here are some topics that will be discussed.

Early warning signs of an attack

Self defence holds and use of your body as a weapon

Color codes.

Register soon this class will take place on April 22nd at Newcastle Park from 6-8P.M. The fee is $5

Potawatomi Bingo Casino

With 1,000 slot machines, blackjack table and high stakes bingo, this casino is the largest gaming attraction in the area. Our special fee of $23 includes transportation by motor coach, gaming session, $20 match play in chips or coins and a $5 food certificate to be used for the buffet. This trip will depart from newcastle Park on Friday, April 11th, at 8:00 A.M. and return at 6:30 P.M.

Senior Citizen Dance at OLCHS

Oak Lawn Community High School will sponsor its annual Senior Citizens Dance on Friday, March 28, 2003, beginning at 5:00 P.M. All seniors are invited free of charge to an evening of music, food and dancing. The OLCHS Jazz Band and the Plank Road Harmonizers will perform, with a light meal served at 6:30P.M. After dinner, a DJ will be on hand to play all your favorites. No Tickets are necessary, just show up at the auditorium Gym at 5:00!

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The main things to be aware of when deciding to have a loved piece of furniture upholstered is to view other work in the upholster's shop. Make sure there is a nice tight seam between wooden frame and fabric, is the tufting done evenly, how tight is the tufting pulled, and is the spacing between tufts even. Customers should also look closely at the patterns on the upholstery. The pattern should have a continuous match, you should not find pieces of the pattern scattered around the furniture.

How the cushion fits is also very important and is a good indicator of workmanship. Check to see that the cushions fit into the chair or sofa properly. it should not over hang the front edge and should fit into the back of the chair.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

by Kathy Whirity
kathywhirity@mailstation.com

Weeks after Michael Jackson's infamous "shockumentary", discussions about it are still providing fodder for entertainment news shows. After listening to his ramblings, I actually found myself torn between feeling sorry for what appeared to be a genuinely naive, forty four year old man/child, who considers his lifestyle normal and pitying his pathetic attempt to portray his intentions as innocent.

Once upon a superstar, this moonwalking, smooth singing idol ruled the music world. Now, with his bleached white skin and pinpoint nose, he resembles a cartoon character with nothing more to offer than weird tales from never-never land.

Equally upsetting was the sight of his two older children who were seen, on camera, behind huge masks that concealed their identity. There's just something abusive about having to live as a prisoner to your father's fantasy life style.

Michael had, what he considers, a perfectly sane reason for dangling his infant over a 3rd story balcony. With much sincerity, he calmly explained that he had gotten caught up in the moment and simply wanted to give his fans what they shouted for – a glimpse of his son. What they got was the sight of a towel covered baby, the only thing showing were two tiny legs swinging in mid-air, seemingly struggling for dear life. After seeing that clip over and over again, all I could think of was this. If the only thing his fans could see were two feel flailing in fear, was it really worth the risk?

His account of what happened after one of the children was born was more than a little unsettling – not only for what he did but also for the fact it was acceptable. The proud, pop star papa, left the hospital just minutes after the birth, the baby still covered in placenta. The hospital assured him it was perfectly all right. So he took off, with their blessing – carrying his minutes old newborn, wrapped in a blanket, still moist from the mother's womb.

Could a normal person honestly think that's normal?

One constant thought kept running through my mind as this bizarre interview gave us all the more reason to crown him Wacko Jacko. These kids intentionally have no mother. The only life they'll ever know will be hidden behind masks, surrounded by bodyguards, and influenced by the fanatical whims of a father who knows no boundaries. What kind of woman would give birth to a baby for the sole purpose of gifting a friend with the present of a child? Are these tiniest of human beings just commodities so an eccentric billionaire can experience the ultimate in creature comforts?

Bubbles the chimp is considered a prized possession to this self proclaimed Peter Pan. Are these innocent and defenseless children being put into this category? It could be a thin line from pet chimp to pet children. Either way their environment is certainly more zoo-like than home life.

This, to me, is crazy enough. But, the revelation that received the most backlashes is the open admission, from Michael's own lips, that he shares his bed with children. With a soft voice and a strong conviction, he stresses his point that it's all about love—nothing sexual. (Is he kidding?) These tragic examples of abnormal behavior have put a spot light on the, no limits, lifestyles of the rich and freakish.

Money talks, children are preyed upon, and eccentric celebrities will continue to get away with their self-appointed liberties in La-La land as long as the world looks away and pretends it's okay.

Crackdown on residents with false vehicle registration

City Clerk James J. Laski's initiative to crackdown on city residents who register their vehicles in the suburbs to avoid paying higher insurance premiums and the wheel tax is one step closer to becoming law.

The Illinois House Insurance Committee in a unanimous vote backed HB 3522 that prohibits an automobile insurance applicant from providing a false address. Such violation is a business offense punishable by a fine not less than $1,000 and not more than $1,200.

State Representative Dan Burke (23) who sponsored the legislation states, "I appreciate the reception the matter received in the House Executive Committee. The issue is a matter of fairness. I applaud Clerk Laski" attempt to have neighbors pay their fair share. Falsifying residential addresses in order to gain better insurance rates is a widespread practice we hope to curtail."

Clerk Laski, along with Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White and Representative Dan Burke, will hold a meeting with insurance company heads in early April to discuss the matter. Clerk Laski also plans to talk to every State's Attorney and City Clerk in Illinois in hopes of getting support.

"I have received so many tips from people notifying me that someone's vehicle was registered fraudulently, that I had to act upon it. I hope you will help me in my effort by lobbying your State Representative about this bill," stated Laski.

Though the cost of insurance premiums vary according to the make/model of the car and the area in which the motorist lives, the cost is substantially higher for city dwellers than those for suburban residents. Chicago motorists who register in the suburbs also avoid paying the $75 vehicle sticker fee, which Laski contends, is unacceptable at a time when the city is facing a budgetary shortfall. In addition, the crackdown will target transplants to Chicago who fail to change their out-of-state license plate registration in order to avoid paying the vehicle sticker fee and city insurance rates.

"If people move to Chicago from another state, they are subject to the same fees and registration costs as every other motorist in the city. There is no reason that these people should be allowed to keep their out-of-state registration if they are now residents of the City of Chicago," stated Laski.

The bill advances to the full House for a vote this session.

Blake-Lamb Becvar presents smart and safe seniors

To all who are interested in hearing more about cons, scams, consumer fraud, home- break-ins and travel safety please join us at Blake-Lamb/Becvar Funeral Home on Friday, March 28th beginning at 9:30 a.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Our speaker will be Ken Kustko who has had the pleasure of speaking to many senior clubs around the Chicagoland area. Some of Ken's topics will include ATM safety, telephone fraud, internet fraud, new car safety options, neighborhood watch programs and crime reporting tips.

This program which will last about one hour is designed to educate people and to help them avoid becoming con targets. Bring a friend or two. Play smart. Knowledge is power. For mor information, please call 708-367-0500 and ask to speak with either Pat or Dave. Please RSVP by March 26th to ensure seating availability.

Gina Vitucci of Mokena will protray Maria in the Oak Lawn Park District's production of "The Sound of Music". She's shown here in the center with the Von Trapp children (clockwise from center top): Chicago's Kelly Rowe (Liesl); Richton Park's Molly Gallagher (Brigitta); Westmont's Meredith Maresh (Louisa); Evergreen Park's Ryan Quick (Friedrich); Chicago's Dan Moore (Kurt); Mokena's Luiza Vitucci (Gretl); and Midlothian's Marissa Mehalek (Marta). The production will run March 7 - 9, 13 - 16 and 21 - 23 at the Oak View Center (4625 W. 110th St.) For tickets, pleasecall (708) 857-2200

Austria in Oak Lawn

Tickets are now on sale for the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's spring production of "The Sound of Music". This musical , first performed in 1958, was the the final collaboration between composer Richard Rodgers and lyricist Oscar Hamerstein.

Set in pre-World War II Austria, it tells the story of Maria Rainer, a free spirited postulant, who is sent to care for the seven children of Captain Von Trapp, a wealthy, widowed naval officer.

In the Oak Lawn production, the husband-wife team of Billy and Gina Vitucci from Mokena will portray Captain Von Trapp and Maria. Portraying the seven Von Trapp children will be Kelly Rowe of Chicago (Liesl); Ryan Quick of Evergreen Park (Friedrich); Molly Gallagher of Richton Park (Brigitta); Dan Moore of Chicago (Kurt); Meredith Maresh of Westmont (Louisa); Marissa Mehalek of Midlothian (Marta) and Luiza Vitucci of Mokena (Gretl). In addition to an adult ensemble, two ensembles of 38 children each will perform in alternate productions. "The Sound of Music" is simply a great story and a wonderful show," says Paul Nirchi of Orland Park. "We know the community will completely enjoy it."

Nirchi and Oak Lawn's Dave Heilmann are the show's executive producers. Mike Knezz of Homer Glen is the show's producer, and Charlie Misoyve of Chicago Heights is the show's director and choreographer. The assistant director is Angela Mehalek of Midlothian, the Music director is Liz Griffin of Palos Heights, the conductor is Bill Hansen of Chicago and the set designer is Gil Oliva of Burbank.

Performances are scheduled for March 21 & 22 at 8:00 p.m., and March 23 at 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. Limited tickets are available. Ticket prices are $16 for adults, $15 for seniors and $14 for children. For more information or to reserve tickets, call (708) 857-2200 or e-mail theatre@olparks.com. Box-office hours are: Mondays 8:30a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.; and Saturdays 10:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.

Meal delivery volunteers wanted

Advocate Christ Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, is looking for volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound seniors. Serving the communities of Evergreen Park, Oak Lawn and Hometown, drivers visit 10 seniors once a week. Drivers not only bring needed nourishment but also a friendly face and warm greetings to seniors. Distribution of meals takes less than three hours.

If you have a car and are available between 10 a.m. and noon any weekday, call Carol O'Brien, Senior Advocate department, at (708) 346-4150 or (708) 346-5258.

Religious Learning

Students from St. Laurence High School in Burbank and Universal School in Bridgeview spent a day together in order to better understand each others faith and religious beliefs. Students from the two schools gathered at St. Laurence to listen to presentations about Roman Catholicism. Rev. Nono Trela, Chaplain at St. Laurence, and St. Laurence students presented the talks after which there was an opportunity to ask questions, clear up misconceptions and to better understand and appreciate that faith. Students were able to continue their discussions over lunch. The day was coordinated by Mr. Steve Madden, St. Laurence Moderator of UNITE, an action based diversity club, and Universal School Principal Mr. Safaa Zarzour. Last year, St. Laurence students were guests of Universal School in a similar day which allowed them to visit the Bridgeview school and learn about Islam. Madden commented that the day "allowed students to ask questions and talk about their faith in an informal and comfortable setting. It was a great learning experience."

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You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps.
—David Lloyd George

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Rest Haven Central Active in National Quality Improvement Effort

Rest Haven Central, along with nursing homes across Illinois and the nation, is participating in the Nursing Home Quality Initiative (NHQI) recently launched by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The NHQI combines health care quality information for consumers and new educational resources for nursing homes to improve the quality of care for residents.

Rest Haven Central is enthusiastic about the new program to improve resident care. "Our mission has always been about providing the best car possible to our residents. We are excited about he new resources available to assist us in bringing quality of care to new level," says Laura Witt of Rest Haven Central. "The national focus gives us an opportunity to share information and learn from other facilities about improving our quality of care."

The Illinois Foundation for Quality Health Care (IFQHC), in collaboration with numerous long term care associates and advocacy groups, is providing no-cost educational and technical assistance to Rest Haven Central and other Illinois nursing home. IFQHC is the state's Medicare quality improvement organization.

As part of the NHQI, Medicare is providing information about nursing home quality to consumers to help them make informed decisions. This information is available at the web site, www.medicare.gov (go to nursing home compare), or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE. By accessing this information, consumers can learn about the quality measures, such as the incidence of pain and infections, and the deadline in activities for daily living, for any facility in the community or across the country.

Rest Haven Central encourages residents and family members to discuss these measures or any other questions about quality of care, with their staff.

Ociel Garcia completes basic training

March 04, 2003 (FHTNC). Navy Seaman Recruit Ociel Garcia, son of Merida and Francisco Garcia of Chicago, Ill., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at recruit training command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight week program, Garcia completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Station". This exercise gives recruits the key skills and confidence they need to graduate and take warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it mean to be a Sailor.

Alan E. Hunt receives Marine Corps Emblem

February 27, 2003 (FHTNC) Marine Corps Pvt. Alan E. Hunt, sone of Billie N. and Alvin Hunt of Burbank, Ill., recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Hunt successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Hunt and fellow recruits began their training at 5 A.M., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Hunt spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They preformed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Hunt and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps core values, honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Hunt and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Hunt is a 2002 graduate of Southside Baptist High School of Oak Lawn, Ill.

Library sponsors spring food drive

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will sponsor a spring food drive Monday, March 31 through Monday, April 21. Patrons may drop off nonperishable food and paper products in collection barrels near the book checkout desk, first floor.

Donations will go to local food pantries for distribution to needy families in the area.

For additional information, call 708-422-2990

Trinity Lutheran Preschool Open House

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, 9701 S. Brandt Ave. Oak Lawn, announces their spring Open House. On Friday, March 28, 2003, from 6:30-8:00 P.M. The children have been working on projects during the year to display at the open house. Everyone is invited and refreshment will be served.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, which began in 1984, is a state-licensed preschool for three and four year old's. The preschool provides opportunities and activities which help children develop and maintain their basic needs and encourage social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth. All readiness skill for kindergarten are experienced.

For more information, or to set up an appointment to view the school, please call Cathy Cepican, director at 708-422-0193

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When you see a snake, never mind where he came from.
—W.G. Benham

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Office of Citizen Services Shop & Share

Evergreen Park senior citizens council fund-raiser

Senior Citizens council of Everygreen Park will benefit by a Shop & Share fund-raiser on April 14, 15 and 16 at all Jewel-Osco Stores. Shopping at Jewel-Osco any of those days gives five percent of one's total purchases, donated by Jewel-Osco, to the Senior Citizens Council.

Funds generated support programs for Everygreen Park senior. Participants will need a Shop & Share identification slip, which is available at office of citizens services, 3450 S. 97th St.

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Please do not forget us

Garden Center for the Handicapped and other agencies providing services to individuals with developmental disabilities are facing an increasing tenuous fiscal crises. While other industries benefited significantly during the flush 90's, community service providers fell further and further behind the financial eight ball. Now, we are told that our state grants may be cut by 5% this fiscal year, and to add insult to injury, our payments from the state are 90 to 100 days in arrears! This is not acceptable and must not occur!

We have had no cost of doing business increase for way too many years, even during flush budget times. A 2% increase promise in 2002 was withdrawn due to budget constraints. Yes, our direct support personnel received a $1 an hour increase in 2002, but that only brought the average hourly rate for these positions to $8.50. Health insurance and workman's compensations cost have had double digit increases with adjustment to compensation. According to the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the employer cost for employee compensation has risen over 25% in less that six years. Also, during the same time period, by using the consumer price index inflation calculator, we see prices on goods increased an average of 16%. During this time period, Garden Center and other similar community providers received only approximately a 6% funding increase from the State of Illinois.

Wile other industries can increase the price of their goods or can unfortunately reduce the workforce through lay offs, we do not have the choice of either option. If we reduce series to people with disabilities, we decrease our funding since much of our funding is through fee for service. So what do we do? We turn to our local community through fund-raisers and our community often respond with more generosity than expected. We turn to our legislator and ask for their assistance and I must say the speaker Madigan and Senator Viviento have been fabulous in their support for the Garden Center. Yet, we still need the State to recognize our current crises. Now is the time for a new administration to set the example and move Illinois from the 47th in the nation in funding for people with disabilities to a place that truly reflects how one of the greatest states in the Union should value those individuals who need our support. Governor Blagojevich, we must have your support and commitment to people with disabilities! Our agencies ensure the health and safety for thousands upon thousands of people, while providing education, job training and work skills to these same people. Governor Blagojecich, please do not forget us and please do not harm us further with any budget cuts. We often say "Do no harm," when we should be saying "(We) Do Know Harm" (thought lack of appropriate funding) and enough is enough!

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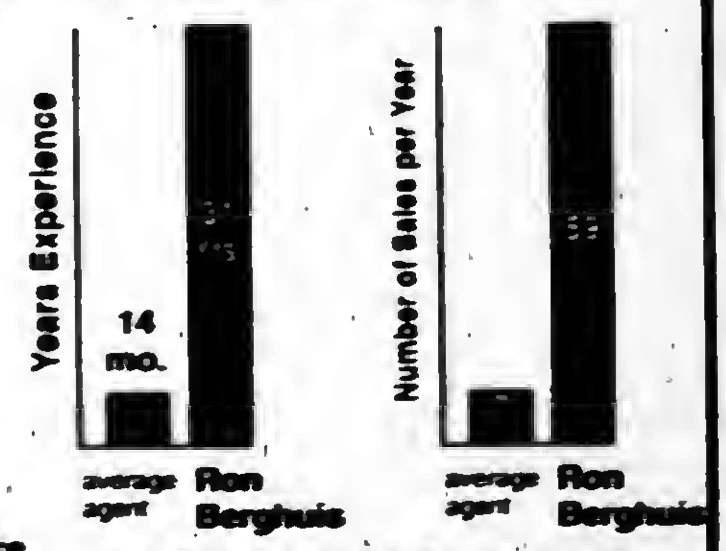

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BOOK NOTES

(NAPS)—Identities may be disguised, but love turns out to be the best-kept secret of all in *USA Today* bestselling author Candace Camp's newest title, *Secrets Of The Heart* (MIRA Books, $6.99). An arranged marriage pairs Rachel Aincourt and Michael Trent, the earl of Westhampton. Such marriages are the order of the day in Regency-Era England, but this one starts at a disadvantage because of the dangerous secret Michael is hiding from his new bride. The book is available at bookstores and through www.eHarlequin.com.

In the new book *The 60-Second Commute: A Guide To Your 24/7 Home Office Life* (Financial Times Prentice Hall, $19.95), authors Erica Orloff and Kathy Levinson, Ph.D., share their wealth of experience in managing successful home-based businesses. This thorough guide covers a full range of topics, from time management and getting organized, to filing taxes, projecting professionalism, and addressing legal concerns and issues.

Excellence in Financial Reporting

President Terrence J. O' Brien of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, announced that the Government finance Officers association (GFOA) has presented an award for the excellence in financial reporting to the district.

President O' Brien stated that "this award is for our comprehensive annual financial reporting."

Accepting the award for the district is commissioner Gloria Alitto Magewski, chairman of the committee on Finance, and Mary C. West, clerk of the district.

Jeffrey Esser, executive director of the GFOA, noted that this was the 28th time the district has earned the award and praised the district's board of commissioners and staff for the efforts resulting in the award.

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"Freedom's Ring" concert at Symphony

The Southwest Symphony's March 22, 2003 concert "Freedom's Ring" will feature Henry Fogel, President of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra narrating Copland's stirring Lincoln Portrait. Mr. Fogel Joined the CSO in 1985 and will retire from his position at the end of the Orchestra's 2002-2003 season. Other selections include, from "Ma' Vlast, "Vysehrad and Moldau by Smetana, Spartacus Suite No. 2 by Khatchaturian, and the Liberty Bell March by Sousa. These selections exemplify each composers love of country, history and people.

The concert starts at 8:00 p.m. at Trinity Christian College's Ozinga Chapel Auditorium, located at 6601 West College Drive in Palos Heights, Illinois. Ticket prices start at $5.00 for students; $15.00 to $19.00 for senior citizens; and $16.00 to $20.00 for adults. Children under 12 are free. For a brochure or further information, please call the SSO at (708) 802-0686.

Bridgeview Chamber holds raffle

Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce & Industry's Annual $10,000.00 Grand Raffle drawing to be held on Thursday, June 19th, 0203 at the 26th Annual Golf Outing and Dinner at the Carriage Greens Country Club.

Only 400 tickets will be sold at $50.00 each. Tickets are available for purchase now through June 18th, 2003 at the following locations: Archer Bank, Bridgeview Chamber Office, Bridge-view Community Center, Bridge-view Park District, Bridge-view Health Care Center, Burbank Chiropractic Center, Fifth-Third Bank of Oak Lawn, Midland Federal S & L, Moore Properties, Prairie Bank & Trust Co., R & B Liquors, Summit Insurance Agency and the Village of Bridgeview.

Career Guidance day at St. Laurence

St. Laurence held its bi-annual Career day on February 28. The event, coordinated by the Guidance Department, brings many alumni back to the school to give forty minute presentation to the students on different careers. The presentations allowed the student to ask questions about educational requirements, salary expectations, job opportunities, etc. after hearing an extensive description of the career and all that it involves. Each student was able to choose three dif ferent careers in which he as interested. In sessions where all alumnus was not available, other professional were asked to give the presentations, such as Chelsea Irving of CBS Channel 2 News who talked on the subject of TV News Broadcasting. At the conclusion of the career sessions, the entire school community gathered to hear quest speaker Keith Magnuson, former member of the Chicago Blackhawks Hockey Team. Mr Magnuson addressed the students, faculty, staff and presenters on the importance of respect, setting goals for yourself and the need for a positive attitude in all endeavors. Pictured here is Keith magnuson (center) who stayed long after the assembly was over to talk personally with students.

Candidate for the Oak Lawn park board
Pictured is Terry Vorderer, his wife Linda of 33 years, children Matthew and Theresa

Terry Vorderer

Terry Vorderer has been a life long resident of the village of Oak Lawn. Recently retired form the Oak Lawn police department, after 34 years of police service, Terry wishes to continue involvement with the community through the village's Park District.

As the Oak Lawn police departments chief of patrol, Terry Vorderer developed the police department summer bicycle patrol. The mission of the patrol was a focus on the safety and security of village's parks. As a result, crime and vandalism was dramatically reduced. Terry Vorderer wants to bring his experience and skills to the Park District with a focus on improving an already excellent park system.

Terry Vorderer wishes to develop inter-governmental agreements. When it comes to spending the taxpayer's money, Terry feels working with both the village government and the school districts will make the most of limited budgets.

"After 34 years with the Oak Lawn police department, I recently retired. I wish to continue involvement with our community as Oak Lawn Park Distick commissioner. The Park District is a valuable asset to our community and I believe I have the excellent skills and background to continue the Park District's mission into the new millenium"

Mt. Carmel H.S. presents musical

The Caravan Alley Players from Mt. Carmel High School in Chicago will present the musical "Bye Bye Birdie." Book by Michael Stewart. Music by Charles Strouse and Lyrics by Lee Adams, in the Student Center, 6410 S. Dante Ave., Chicago at 7:00 p.m. each evening on Fri. April 4th: Sat., April 5th; Fri. April 11th, and Sat. April 12th, 2003. Box office and doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Ticket cost is $10 for adults and $5 for students 1st thru 12th grade. Reserved seats can be purchased in advance by calling Mr. Sean Daly at (773) 324-1020, Ext. 246.

The cast is composed of students from Mother McAuley and Mt. Carmel H.S., and adults and children.

Matthew Knight from Oak Lawn; Luke Thata (who plays "Birdie") from Hometown, and Kevin Harnedy, Nota Leahy, Katie Lyons, Michael Ward, all from Evergeen Park, are also members of the cast.

Judy Baar Topinka visted VA Hines Hospital

This is the 9th year that Illinois State Treasure Judy Baar Topinka visited residents and handed out Valentine's Day cards at the Hines Veteran's Administration Hospital Extended Care Unit. Topinka wishes Altons Dolezak a Happy Valentine's Day. The VA Hines Hospital was named in honor of Edward Hines, Jr. who, on April 4, 1918, was the first to graduate of the Fort Sheridan Officers' training Camp to die in active service. A generous 1.6 million dollar contribution from his parents enabled the completion of the hospital in 1921. The Edward Hines Jr. Hospital is affiliated with the Stritch School of Medicine at Loyola University, the University of Illinois College of Medicine and the Chicago Medical School. Hines joins with other Chicago area Vas (VA Chicago Health Care System - Lakeside Division and Westside Divisions, and VA North Chicago), to serve approximately 1.1 million veterans and their families in Illinois and northwestern Indiana

Senator Richard Durbin

United States Senator Richard Durbin of Illinois recently visited the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center (CCAC) and received a tour from the center's president, Mike Fitzgerald, who also serves as business manager of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, local 134

Touring the facility with Senator Durbin and Erin Sorenson, the center's executive director, fitzgerald detailed CCAC's work with sexually abused children in Chicago and it's efforts to educate the community on the causes and consequences of child abuse. Fitzgerald, and active member of the community, has been involved with the center since it's inception. As business manager of IBEW local 134, he also speerheads the community efforts of IBEW local 134 , members throughout Cook County.

"It's unfortunate that this kind of abuse takes place," said Fitzgerald. "However, its comforting to know that the Children's Advocacy center exists to ensure that these children can get the help they need."

The Chicago Children's advocacy Center was established in 1999. A not for profit corporation, the CCAC works with the public agencies to create programs to meet the needs of abused children in Chicago. The center helps over 2,600 abused children a year, providing a variety of services, including forensic interviewing, court advocacy, crisis intervention and family support services.

The international brotherhood of electrical workers local 134 represents over 17,000 certified electricians in Cook County, and the national electrical contractors association of the City of Chicago represents over 1,000 professional electrical contractors working throughout Chicago.

The Chicago Children's Advocacy Center is located at 1340 S. Damen Avenue

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Little Company of Mary

Evergreen park, Ill. March 10, 2003. Little Company's Employee Giving Campaign raised more that $95,000, the most successful campaign to date, to help renovate the behavioral health unit and to support the Mary Potter Crisis Fund, a confidential program assisting Little Company employee in times of economic difficulty.

The annual employee giving campaign has gained strength since it began in 1991. This year's two year goal of $150,000 was exceeded by $35,000. This program has been a way for members of the Little Company family to help each other with donations supporting the hospital and its employees. Funds raised in this campaign, either by cash gift or payroll deduction, are divided among hospital programs and the Mary Potter Crisis Fund, named for the foundress of the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary.

In its 11 years, the campaign has helped benefit the following: physical therapy, one day surgery, the cancer center, speech and swallowing, behavioral health and numerous little company employees in need.

Murder Mystery Production

The Presbyterian Church in Orland Park, 13401 S. Wolf Road, Orland Park, Senior High & Junior High Youth Present: "Murder Mystery Production", a congregational interactive evening!" on Saturday, April 5, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.
Over 28 members from our Senior High and Junior High youth will present this evening in an original and creative manner. Also a Spaghetti Dinner will be served. A free will offering will be graciously accepted to support the Shady Oaks Cerebral Palsy Camp.

The following are holy week activities at the church.

Maundy Thursday – April 17th, 7:30 p.m. – Communion Service led by the High School Youth. This is a service remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples before his pending crucifixion.

Easter Sunday – April 20th, 8:00 a.m. – Easter Breakfast hosted by Men's Club; 10:00 a.m. – Worship Service; 11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time.

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Spring craft show

The Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Lawn will host a Spring Craft Show on April 13, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with more than 100 exhibitors featuring many beautiful handmade items.
Whitney's Restaurant offers a Breakfast Buffet from 7:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. and a Buffet Luncheon of individually priced items, served from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. in the Pool Atrium.
Admission is $2.00 **(children under 10 free). No strollers please. For additional information, call (630) 513-7622.**

Display at Oak Lawn Library

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., has several community information centers offering local groups, organizations and individuals an opportunity to display or distribute posters, flyers, brochures, newsletters and other publications.
Those interested in placement should leave their material at the library's reception booth or mail items to: Oak Lawn Public Library, Attn: Public Relations Office, 9727 S. Raymond Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453
All material must be pre-approved by the public relations office. Items are posted on a first-come, first-served basis. Preference is given to local organizations and events. Material posted or left in the public area without approval will be discarded.
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For Additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

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Speech Team wins 1st place

The Speech Team at Oak Lawn Community High School took 1st place in Regionals, 2nd place in Sections, and 5th Place in State.

Regional winners are: Performance in the Round – 1st Place; John Ciciora and Deborah Zwirkoski – 1st Place in Dramatic Duet Acting; Grant Suhs – 1st Place in Extemporaneous Speaking; Justin Lopez and Megan Hincks – 1st Place in Humorous Duet Acting; Michael Norris – 1st Place in Humorous Interpretation; Grant Suhs – 1st Place in Impromptu Speaking; Justin Lopez – 1st Place in Original Comedy; David Vognar – 1st Place in Radio Speaking; Adrienne Thurzo – 1st Place in Verse Reading; Edward Suda – 2nd Place in Original Oration; Megan Hincks – 3rd Place in Special Occasion Speaking; David Vognar – 4th Place in Prose Reading.
Sectional Winners: John Ciciora and Deborah Zwirkoski – 1st Place in Dramatic Duet Acting; Megan Hincks – 1st Place in Special Occasion Speaking; David Vognar – 1st Place in Radio Speaking; Grant Suhs – 1st Place in Impromptu Speaking; Adrienne Thurzo – 2nd Place in Verse Reading; Grant Suhs – 3rd Place in Extemporaneous Speaking; Justin Lopez and Megan Hincks – 3rd Place in Humorous Duet Acting; Performance in the Round – 3rd Place; Ranya Hassan – 5th Place in Oratorical Declamation; Justin Lopez – 5th Place in Original Comedy; Edward Suda – 5th Place in Oration; David Vognar – 5th Place in Prose Reading; Sectional Finalist – Mike Norris in Humorous Interpretation.
State Place Winners are: State Champion – Grant Suhs in Impromptu Speaking; 3rd in State – Megan Hincks and Justin Lopez in Humorous Duet Acting; 4th in State – Grant Suhs in Extemporaneous Speaking; 6th in State – Adrienne Thurzo in Verse; 6th in State – David Vognar in Radio Speaking; State Qualifiers – John Ciciora and Deborah in Dramatic Duet Acting; Megan Hincks in Special Occasion Speaking; and, Justin Lopez in Original Comedy;
6th in State – Performance in the Round – Cast: Elise Bauman, Nicole Cassidy, Patrick Cooper, Caitlin Goldrick, Sean Goldrick, Guinevere Grana, Dorothy Koll, Joshua Lopez, Wayne Miller, David Montgomery, Charles Mora, Eric Nosek, Rebecca Puhr, Samantha Simonetta, Allison Stanko, Brian Weems, and Monica Zavala.

It has been estimated that the eye muscles move more than 100,000 times a day. Many of these eye movements take place during the dreaming phase of sleep.

Recreational programs

Burbank Park District Activities:

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WEDDING DANCE WORKSHOP – Are you in the process of planning for your BIG day? Sign your bridal party up for our Wedding Dance Workshop where we will teach you to dance to Ballroom, Big Band, Latin, Slow & Contemporary Dance music. Our "Crash Course" includes leading & following, traveling, spins and dips. This class is perfect for anyone in or going to a wedding. If you happen to be the Bride or Groom to be, bring your wedding song in on tape. Singles & Couples are welcome. Register at Newcastle Park soon. This class will take place at Newcastle Park on Friday, April 11th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

SELF DEFENSE FOR WOMEN – Here is a chance to learn how to defend yourself, and how to avoid dangerous situations. Learn the myths and facts about self-defense. Here are some topics that will be discussed: Early warning signs of an attack, Self defense holds & use of your body as a weapon and Color codes.

Register soon as this class will take place on April 22nd at Newcastle Park from 6-8 p.m. The fee is $5.

POTOWATOMI BINGO CASINO – With 1,000 slot machines, blackjack tables and high stakes Bingo, this casino is the largest gaming attraction in the area. Our special fee of $23 includes transportation by motor coach, gaming session, $20 match play in chips or coins and a $5 food certificate to be used for the buffet. This trip will depart from Newcastle Park on Friday, April 11th at 8:00 a.m. and return at 6:30 p.m.

More information, call Bill Olsen, Recreation Director at (708) 599-2070.

Volunteers needed

Advocate Christ Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, is currently seeking new members for its volunteer department. Volunteers are needed Sunday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Volunteers donate their services in patient and non-patient areas. There are volunteer opportunities in a variety of areas, including Guest Services, Emergency Department, Mission and Spiritual Care and the Gift Shops. There are also opportunities with mail delivery, non-direct patient care and clerical work.
For more information, call (708) 346-5248 or visit www.advocatehealth.com/christ and click on "volunteer opportunities" to learn more to apply online.

The most celebrated diamond is the Koh-i-noor, which was presented to Queen Victoria in 1850 by the East India Company.

Discover Tinley

Don't miss out! Join the crowd going to Discover Tinley on March 22, 2003, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Tinley Park Convention Center. Free admission, free entertainment, and free samples and tasting of local restaurants.

A chance to see all the Tinley Area has to offer sponsored by the Human Resources Commission and the Village of Tinley Park.

Senior Expo meets

The Active Senior Expo will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Georgios Banquets, 8800 W. 159th St., Orland Park.

This public show "Dedicated to inform, educate and entertain senior citizens" features hundreds of products and services for seniors. Special attractions include free health screenings, free seminars, free musical entertainment and free Krispy Kreme doughnuts, 3,000+ attendees are expected.
Regular admission $2, tickets available at the door, or get a free admission coupon available by visiting www.activesenior expo.net. Pre-registration is not necessary.

For more information, call Silver Star Expositions, (630) 620-6347.

Education Funding Reform

Our State Legislators have now been in session in Springfield for two months. The vast majority of our legislators ran on platforms that placed education funding reform as their number one priority. Let's look at what is currently happening on the Illinois education front.

Already this school year the State has taken over the finances of three school districts in Cairo, Livingston and Hazel Crest. State Board of Education Superintendent Dr. Robert Schiller has indicated that there are several more not far behind. One hundred eighty eight more schools are being placed on the state's financially troubled list compared to eleven last year. The state's school districts are currently issuing layoff notices to record numbers of teachers as they struggle with increasing budget deficits with no apparent relief in sight. Over the last two election cycles, 80% of educational tax referendums have failed, indicating that local solutions to the funding crises are not working according to State Board of Education Chairman Ron Gidwitz. Just as federal reforms are demanding that more children pass achievement tests each year, (No Child Left Behind Act which is estimated to cost the state an additional $2 Billion), school districts are being forced to raise class sizes and reduce services. Current state programs are not being funded at the mandated levels with ominous signs that school districts may lose state aid payments yet this year. School districts in some of the neediest areas of Illinois face excessively high and prohibitive property tax rates. Property tax caps continue to devastate school budgets throughout the state as a result of limits created by low economic growth indicators.

And what is happening in Springfield during this current legislative session?

1. Legislators continue to introduce bills that will require increased expenditures by local school districts (unfunded mandates).
2. Our legislators continue to introduce bills to extend or increase property tax benefits to certain populations.
3. Legislation is moving through the process that raises the bar of expectation at the same time as school revenues are falling.
4. Legislators are now sending mixed signals on whether they would support a bill to bring about educational funding reform.

For over 30 years it has been obvious that the current method of funding schools is unfair, inefficient and inadequate. Numerous knowledgeable school finance experts, a number of states funded commissions and study committees and the currently obvious published funding discrepancies have shown this fact to be true. Our legislators, during election campaigns, have listed school-funding reform as their number one priority over the past several electoral cycles. Yet, even during the times of positive economic growth, it has never been the right time from their perspective to seriously address the issue. The Education Funding Advisory Board, which was creat3ed by the legislature, has proposed a very comprehensive plan to reform funding. Already we are hearing that some legislators are indicating that the time isn't right.

It's time for our citizens to call their legislators and let them know that the time is right.

If it isn't, let's find out when they think it will be better.

Sincerely, Charles J. Their,
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Pappas to Honor Ethnic Women's Organizations

A tribute to recognize ethnic women organizations for helping immigrants and senior citizens understand the property-tax system will be held March 20 in the office of Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas.

The event, open to the public, will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Thursday, March 20, in the Treasurer's Office, Room 112 of the county Building, 118 N. Clark St., in Chicago. It will include an award ceremony, cultural program, parade of Women's international costumes and refreshments.

Pappas said individuals and organizations from across Chicagoland were invited to the event held in conjunction with International Women's Day and Women's History Month.

"Ethnic women's organizations no only promote culture, heritage and language, they contribute immensely to the community at large," Pappas said. "They are a vital link between the treasured past and the promised future.

"They distribute information from our office about exemptions for the senior citizens, refunds and other aspect of the property-tax system, thus helping home owner is ethnic communities understand their rights."

Those invited are given forms to nominate women's organizations to receive a Certificate of Recognition for their work. Nominations also are being accepted form the public.

The forms can be faces to Mat Michalski, Papas ethnic affairs assistant, at (312) 603-5752, or mailed to Par Michalski, Cook County Treasurer's Office, 118 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60602. For those with questions, Michalski's email address in pmichalski@cookcountytreasurer.com and her telephone is (312) 603-6268.

"Ethnic women typically don't seek recognition of what they do for children, seniors families or neighbors," Pappas said "But they deserve the recognition we will give at this tribute."

Pappas said ethnic women's organizations distribute her office's brochures that are printed in seven languages (English, Spanish, Polish, Korean, Chinese, German and Russian). The brochures also available on www.cookcountytreasurer.com

The American Legion battles for pledge

Indianapolis (March 14, 2003). The American Legion has prepared and is ready to file an amicus curiae brief with the U.S. Supreme Court. The nation's largest wartime veterans organization, with 2.8 million members, will file the brief as soon as the U.S. government appeals a federal court's decision that reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools in unconditional because of the words "under God."

"When the 9th Circuit Court first ruled against the Pledge, The American Legion promised it would see this case all the way to the Supreme Court," American Legion National Commander Ronald F. Conley said "We have no intention of backing down now. The right of students across America to recite the Pledge of Allegiance deserves to be protected. The American Legion will do everything in its power to see that right is restored."

Once the United States files an appeal to the decision with the Supreme Court, the Legion will file its amicus curiae, or "friend of the court" brief, as it did with the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. An amicus curiae brief is filed by as individual or group who is not a party to the litigation but believes that the court's decision may affect its interest.

Ten amicus curiae briefs previously were field to overturn the 9th Circuit Courts decision, including one by the Legion on Aug 19, 2002. All 10 were denied.

The 9th District's ruling came after Michael Newdow, and atheist and father of an elementary school girls, filed the case against the United States, Congress, California and two school districts. Newdow's daughter lives with her mother, who has sole custody of the young girl. The daughter attends public school in Elk Grove, Calif, near Sacramento and according to reports regularly attends church. Newdow's complaint alleged that "his daughter is injured when she is compelled to "watch and listen as her state-employed teach in her state run school leads her classmates in a ritual proclaiming that there is a God and that ours is one nation under God."

"Our national motto is: "In God We Trust," such a belief is a bedrock principle of America and is not an endorsement of any religion. The 9th Circuit Court is simply wrong and the 4.0 million men and women of The American Legion family will make their voices heard to insure that God is not expelled from the land." Conley said.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation inserting "under God" after the words "one nation." The American Legion supported the addition.

"It's a shame that the Pledge of Allegiance can be recited in any other country but our own, thanks to one wrongheaded decision by a few men in black robes." Conley said "I am confident that our Supreme Court will have the wisdom to reverse this absurd call".

A rose is a rose is a rose—except when it's a one-plant arbor. A Lady Banks rose tree at Tombstone, Arizona, has a trunk 40 inches thick and stands nine feet tall. Supported by 68 posts and several thousand feet of piping, 150 people can be seated under the arbor. The cutting came from Scotland in 1884.

MVCC partner with Dist. 218

Moraine Valley and Community High School District 218 are continuing to provide the MOST for area high school students through real-life on-site job training.

Throughout the last, Eisenhower High School in Blue Island, Richards High School in Oak Lawn, and Shepard High School in Palos Heights, along with Moraine Valley, partnered in a program called MOST Moraine Valley On-Site Training – to provide Community High School District 218 students the opportunity to learn marketable vocational skills for post high school employment. The program is symbiotic in that it provides vocational training to students who in turn provide services for the college at no cost to the institution.

"Moraine Valley has provided the backbone for the MOST program's rapid growth over the past year," said Teresa Haseltine, on-site supervisor for the MOST program and a Community High School District 218 staff member. "The college has been extremely helpful in accommodating the needs of our students as the program continues to expand."

Moraine Valley and District 218 created the partnership in spring 2001. The program was modeled after Lockport Township High School's similar relationship with Silver Cross Hospital. However, the District 218 partnership with Moraine Valley is unique to the area since area high schools typically unite with hospitals to provide job-skills training to students. Under the auspices of the Moraine Valley agreement, students work once or twice a week while earning class credits from nine various areas of the college, including Café Moraine, the Child Care Center, Custodial, Grounds, the Health Fitness Center, the Police Department, Reprographics, Shipping and Receiving, and Workforce Development and Community Service. Currently, 48 students are enrolled.

"The MOST students are a wonderful asset to our area," said Sue Kempczynski, director of the Health Fitness Center at Moraine Valley. "They take a great deal of pride in their work and are very helpful to the overall operation of the facility."

Andrew Duren, vice president for Administrative Services and College Facilities at Moraine Valley, also acknowledges the program's value. "The District 218 partnership is a wonderful opportunity for students within our district to experience a realistic working environment here at Moraine Valley," he said.

For more information, call Josh Reinhart, College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5742, or e-mail reinhart@morainevalley.edu

Active Senior Expo

Public show "Dedicated to inform, educate and entertain senior citizens".

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Saint Xavier University Board Selects Committee

Saint Xavier University's Board of Trustees recently appointed an 11 member presidential search committee to lead the search for a new university president. Kenneth A. Skopec, vice chairman of MB financial corporation and a member of the university's board of trustees, is committee chairman.

"I am deeply honored to serve as chairman of this committee that will seek a leader to continue the remarkable progress that has occurred under President Yanikoski's tenure," Skopec said. "Saint Xavier is a vital asset to our neighborhood and to our city. The committee is confident that we will attract highly qualified candidates for this key position."

A resident of Oak Lawn, Skopec has served on Saint Xaviers board for six year and has chaired the board's assets committee. He currently serves as vice chairman of MB Financial, a Chicago based bank holding company.

President Richard Yanikoski announced on December 9 that he would leave his post to pursue scholarly interests when his current contact expires this summer. Yanikoski is finishing his third three year contact with Saint Xavier and decline to renew for a fourth term following a highly favorable performance review late last fall from the board of trustees. Yanikoski plans to begin what he anticipates will be a ten year research agenda concerning the status and future of catholic higher education.

The presidential search committee is composed of five trustees, three of whom are alumni, three faculty member and three staff members. The board of trustees selected committee members based on nominations from the university community. Committee member are: Kenneth A. Skopec, chairman of the presidential search committee and member, Saint Xavier Board of Trustees, Trustee Sr. Mary Ellen Caron, RSM, special assistant to the CEO, Chicago Public Schools and member, Saint Xavier Board of Trustees. Trustee Sr. Joy Clogh, RSM'65, president, Sister of Mercy, Chicago and member, Saint Xavier Board of Trustees. Trustee Darrell B. Jackson' 81, senior vice president, The Northern Trust and member , Saint Xavier Board of Trustees. Trustee Mary Clare Loftus ' 65 member, Saint Xavier Board of Trustees. Linda Burke, Ed. D, associate professor, School of Education. Brian McKenna, J.D., M.B.A., associate professor, Graham School of Management. Carol Poston, Ph.D., professor, English and Foreign Languages. Ellen Dennis, executive secretary, Office of development and Alumni Relations. Beth Gierach, managing director, Office of Admission. Richard Venneri, Ph.D., associate vice president, Academic Affairs.

The presidential search committee will begin its work immediately and will retain an executive search firm to assist with recruitment and consideration of candidates. A call for nomination and applications will be issued in the near future.

Saint Xavier university is a private, coeducational institution serving more than 5,200 men and women with high quality academic programs. It offers 36 undergraduate majors and 32 graduate program options in four schools: School of Arts and Science, School of Education, Graham School of Management, and School of Nursing. Located in a residential neighborhood in Chicago, the University offer personalized education that emphasizes challenging undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs of study. Crain's Chicago business (July 1, 2002) recognized Saint Xavier University for achieving the highest percentage of enrollment growth among Chicago area universities and colleges during the previous year, increasing 6.3 percent. And, U.S. News & World Report named Saint Xavier in its 2002 "Best College" issue as a best value and for its diversity as a master's degree-granting institution in the Midwest region.

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"The Credeaux Canvas". Proformed by SmashTheatre

Chicago - Smash Theatre will present the Midwest premiere of Keith Bunin's play, The Credeaux Canvas at the Heartland Studio Theatre, 7006 N. Glenwood. Directed by SmashThreatre's Robert Mello, the dark comedy follows the lives of three struggling friends as they scheme their way to wealth. The Credeaux Canvas open Saturday, April 12 at 8 P.M. and runs on Thursdays at 7 P.M. and Friday and Saturdays at 8 P.M. through Saturday, May 17. Preview performance is Friday, April 11 at 8 P.M. Tickets are $5 for the preview, $15 for regular run and are available by calling 773.975.1812

The Credeaux Canvas focuses on Winston, a gifted art student, Jamie, a real estate agent denied of his father's fortune and Amelia, a conflicted waitress trying to make it as a singer. The trio of mid-twenties friends decide to raise some easy money by conning a wealthy widow into buying a forged painting attributed to Jean-Paul Credeaux, a little known 19th century French artist. A clever study of human nature, The Credeaux Canvas reveals the battles and inner conflicts of the three as they toil with how much they should give of themselves for their lives work and to each other as their plot goes horrible awry. Although the canvas may be a fake, it tells the trio far more truth about themselves than they can stand to know.

New York Magazine's John Simon named playwright Keith Bunin's The Credeaux Canvas as one of the Best Play of 2001. "Keith Bunin has written a proceptive, witty, bittersweet new play about art: Its practitioners, purchasers, and parasites; and about the heart; its consolations, connivances, and convulsions, "said simon. Clive Barnes of the New York Post also praised The Credeaux Canvas by calling the work" A wonderful play about art, life, forgery and inspiration."

The Credeaux Canvas is directed by Robert Mello, who is a cofounder of SmashTheatre and most recently directed Anything For You for the Artistic Home Ensemble and Fatty for Second City ETC.

The Cast Features Smash Theatre cofounders and ensemble member Monica Payne (Amelia), who recently appeared in the world premier of Steppenwolf's No Place Like Home. At Steppenwolf, Payne also appeared as Sonya in their acclaimed production of Uncle Vanya featuring Austin Pendleton. Aaron Reichert (Jamie) has preformed in Anna Christie at Apple Tree Theatre and Defiant Theatre's Flaming Guns of The Purple Rose. Margaret Kustermann (Tess), received a master degree in theater from Northwestern University, and has appeared in Steppenwolf's No Place like Home and Supple in Combat as well as About Face Theatre's Seven moves. Robert Smith (Winston) makes his theatrical debut in The Credeaux Canvas and has preformed over the last five years with different improvisational ensembles at The Playground, The Improv Olympic, WNEP Theater, and ComedySportz.

SmashTheatre was founderdin summer of 2000 by Robert Mello and Monica Payne. The is the third Chicago Premiere for the company, having produced George Walker's Tough and Payne's play, Happy Birthday. Happy Birthday was later selected to appear in NYC a the Estrogenious Festival.

SmashThreatre's production of The Credeaux Canvas opens Saturday, April 12 at 8 P.M. and runs on Thursdays at 7:00 P.M. and Fridays and Saturdays at 8 P.M. through Saturday, May 17. Preview performance is Friday, April 11 at 8 P.M. The Heartland Studio Theatre is located at 7006 N. Glenwood and tickets are available by calling 773.975.1812. Preview performances are $5 and regular run performances are $15

Lego Mania

Lego Mania will hit Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, on Saturday, March 22, 2003 from 2-3 p.m. Children ages 3 to grade 8 (age 3-5 with adult) are invited to bring one container of Lego blocks for a creativity contest. In a 30-minute time frame, children can build a creation of their own. Lego creations may not be made with directions from a kit or a book. Creativity is the key to success! A pre-made creation may be brought in to show, but will not be entered in the contest.

Registration begins March 8th and can be done in person or by calling Constance VanSwol, Youth Services Librarian at (708) 423-7753.

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The International Cast Polymer Alliance at www.icpa-hq.org.
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Remote Device Management, at www.emware.com.
The 2003 Lincoln Town Car at www.lincolnvehicles.com.
USDA's Farm Service Agency at www.fsa.usda.gov.

McAfee to address Commonwealth Edison Retirement Club of Chicago

Lauren McAfee, enforcement attorney for the Illinois Department of Securities of secretary of State, Jesse White's Office, will speak before the Commonwealth Edison Retirement Club of Chicago, Wednesday, March 19 at 9 A.M. at the Oak View Center Boardroom, 4625 W. 110th Street, Oak Lawn.

Michelle Kruss, coordinator, announced that Ms. McAfee will focus on financial fraud and crimes against the seniors.

Lauren is a graduate of Indiana University, received her law degree and masters in mass communication from Drake University and is currently attending the Illinois Institute of Technology's Center for Law and Financial Markets. She also volunteers with the Chicago Cares and tutors for the Cabrini-Green Programs

A blessing for Mom

Blessing of Mothers who are expecting or adopting a child at St Julie Church on March 22nd at the 4:30 P.M mass, March 23rd at the 7:15, 8:45, 10:30 A.M., and the 12:15 P.M masses.

Mothers who are awaiting the birth or adoption of a child will receive a special blessing near the end of Mass. The mom will be asked to stand at her chair and receive the blessing. After Mass she will receive a rose and a St. Gerard medal.

Fur further informations, please call: Lana Stack at 429-0760

Free blood pressure screenings

The Oak lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screening on the second Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 P.M. at the Oak lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, Oak Lawn.

The partnership is a collaboration with Advocate Christ Medical Center, the Village of Oak Lawn, business and community members, to address health, wellness and life-style needs of the community.

For additional information, call Peggy Dandell at Christ Medical Center, 708-346-3289, or the library, 708-422-2990

Spaghetti Dinner

Boy scout troop 652 & Club scout pack 3652 is hosting it's annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, March 29th from 3-8 P.M. at Oak lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave., Oak Lawn following our morning spring food drive to benefit Oak Lawn Community Church's food pantry. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Boy Scout troop or Club Scout pack or at the door on the day of the dinner. Ticket prices are Adults: $5.50, Children ages 3-12 and Senior Citizens: $4:00, children under 3 FREE. Raffles, crafts for children and fund-raising to help save our camp Owasippe are planned for the day.

Scouts hold bowling fundraiser

Cub Scout Pack 3665 will hold a Candle Light Bowl Fundraiser on March 29, 2003 at Rolling Lanes Bowling Alley 6301 Joliet Road, Countryside. Food will be served at 7:00 p.m. Bowling starts at 8:00 p.m.

Cost is $25.00 per person which includes: Dinner, Shoes & 3 games of Bowling There is a limit of 6 people per lane. Book your lane early! We must sell 144 tickets

For information call: Denise Dekker at (708) 423-7835 or Karen Strache at (708) 229-8841

All you can eat Pancake Breakfast

The Laurenta Club of St. Laurence High School will be sponsoring its "All you can eat" Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 30 at the school from 9:30 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. The pancake breakfast will include servings of pancakes, sausage, juice, milk or coffee. Tickets are only $4.00 per person and children under 5 are free. For further information, please call St. Laurence High School at 708-458-6900. The school is located at 5556 West 77th Street in Burbank

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Come Tag with Park Lawn

On April 18/19 and April 25/26, 2003, Park Lawn will be holding its annual Tag Days, and hundreds of volunteers will be needed to collect donations at street intersections and in front of stores in Chicago and the surrounding suburban communities.

This year, Park Lawn is specifically inviting clubs, service groups and other organizations to take par in Tag Days. Individual volunteers are also needed to participate and are highly encouraged to recruit their family and friends. Safety vests, collection buckets, and handouts will be provided for volunteers. Convenient locations and time slots are available.

For those unable to "Tag" on the specified days, other alternatives are available. Donations may also be collected by students in area schools or through one's place of employment

All proceeds from Tag Days benefit Park Lawn, a non profit agency located in Chicago's southwest suburbs that provides vocational services, supported employment, adult developmental training, and residential services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

For more information on Tag Days or to schedule a time and location for your group, call the Park Lawn Development Office at 708-425-6867

Courage Program seeks donations

The Courage Program is seeking donations of used cribs and car seats, both infant and booster size. The items should have all the necessary hardware and straps.

Courage is a support group for pregnant young women and those who are single parenting. Based in Oak Lawn for almost 23 years, Courage works with young women and their families from all of the Southwest suburbs and southwest side of Chicago.

For more information about the program or to find out what other donations are being accepted, please call the office at 708-636-8001.

Evergreen Park Public Library

Comics for Kids

The Evergreen Park public library invites children and comic book enthusiasts to register for a special program about you favorite comic book characters, how comics are made, and much more. Carl Bonasera from All American Comic Shops in Evergreen Park will be here on Saturday, March 29th at 10:00 A.M. to talk about comics and to answer your question about your favorite characters. Register at 422-8522

Young readers book discussion

The Evergreen Park public library invites readers in grades 4-6 to meet at 6:45 P.M. on the third Wednesday of every month to discuss good books. At our March 19th meeting, we will be reading Running Out of Time by Margaret Peterson Haddix. You can pick up your copy at the Youth's services desk. Register in person or by phone 422-8522

Jammy Jamboree

The Evergreen Park public library invites children ages 2-7 and an adult care giver to wear your pajamas to our special evening story time. The fun begins at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, March 31st and you can register in person or by phone 422-8522

"Nightclub at Noon".

Oak Lawn, Illinois, March 13, 2003 - The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will host their annual Employee and Volunteer Appreciation Day Luncheon Wednesday, April 23 at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. All area businesses are invited to participate in this opportunity to thank their dedicated staff and helpers.

The luncheon theme is "Nightclub at Noon." It will feature entertainment by singer, Catherine Smitko, and guitarist, Jeff Kust, a delicious Chicken Parmigiana entree, door prizes and a long-stem rose for all who attend. Sign-in begins at 11:30 A.M. Lunch will be served at noon. The cost is $20 per person. The reservation deadline is Wednesday, April 16.

For more information, reservation forms or to find out how your business can donate prizes for the event, call 708-424-8300

St. Albert the Great School, child placement for 2003-2004

If you are new to the Burbank area, or have not yet decided about school placement for your child/children for the 2003-2004 school year, we invite you to consider enrolling your child in our parish school. We have an outstanding academic program including computer and physical education for kindergarten through 8th grade, and we also offer a 3 and 4 year old preschool program. Extended day service, from 6:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M., is available at an additional cost to any child enrolled in our school.

St. Albert the Great school in Burbank will be holding registration for preschool through 8th grade beginning Monday March 17, 2003. Please call the office for an appointment at (708)424-7727.

We will also be having an evening registration of Tuesday, April 1st between 6:00-8:00 P.M.

If you are interested please bring the following with you at that time:

1. Birth Certificate_ with birth number in top right corner (Call 492-2000 if the number is missing) (Hospital certificates cannot be accepted)
2. Baptismal Certificate
3. Social Security Number
4. $35.00 Registration Fee (non-refundable)

Original certificates will be copied and returned to you at the time of registration.

Age requirements are as follows (No exceptions)

Preschool (3 & 4 year old program) Child must be 3 or 4 old (respectively) on or before September 1, 2003 in order to be admitted to the program. (Born by Sept. 1, 2002 or Sept. 1, 1999)

Kindergarten child must be 5 year old on or before September 1, 2003 in order to be admitted to kindergarten. (Born by Sept. 1, 1998)

If you have any questions please feel free to call the school office at (708) 424-7757 between the hours of 9:00-2:00 during the school week.

Embroidery Guild to meet

Beverly Hills Embroiderers' Guild will meet Tuesday, March 18th at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Oakview Center, 4625 W. 110th St., Oak Lawn, IL.

Birthday Plaid – a popular needlepoint design, will be taught by Bette Cardes at the 9:00 a.m.-12 noon program.

Create a Greeting Card – the 7:00 p.m. program is a hands-on project taught by two popular needle weavers, Carol and Ronna.

Anyone interested in needlework is welcome to attend.

Movie Magic at Green Hills

Young adults between the ages of 11 and 15 are invited for a cool evening of movies at Green Hills public library March 25 at 6:30 P.M. Call the Youth Services Department at 708-598-8446 for more information. The library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Giant book sale

The friends of the Green Hills Library will hold their fall used book sale Saturday April 5 through Saturday April 12, during regular library business hours.

This sale will take place in the library's downstairs meeting room at 8611 West 103rd Street, Palos Hills

(L-R) Dan Ruberry, Karen Clark, Ron Johson, Jim Pfordresher, and Kevin Clark

Bump, set and spike for charity

Come play volleyball for a great cause. On Sunday, April 12, 2003, volleyball for charity and Park Lawn will hold their 23rd annual coed volleyball tournament and party. Played at three locations (St. Xavier University, Mother McAuley High School, and Chicago Ridge Park District), this year, over 500 people are expected to show up for this favorite South side tradition.

Entry fee per tam varies with the type of package selected. $250 per tam entitles the team to games and tournament t-shirts. $350 per tam entitles the team to games, tournament t-shirt, and eight tickets to the post tournament party. Tournament has four levels of play (highly competitive, competitive, moderately competitive and recreational), and all teams are guaranteed to pay at least five games within the round robin tournament format. Special team prizes will be awarded for divisional winners.

After the tournament, the non athletically inclined and tournament players alike can celebrate at the post tournament party at McDuffy's 3300 W. 111th St., Chicago. Party begins at 6:30 P.M. Tickets are $20. Price of ticket includes a 3 1/2 hour open bar, pizza, music and dancing. All party quests must be 21 to attend.

Proceeds from the volleyball tournament and party benefit Park Lawn, a nonprofit agency located in Chicago's southwest suburbs that provides vocational services, supported employment, adult developmental training, and residential services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

To register for the tournament or the purchase tickets for the post tournament party, call the VFC hot line at (708) 802-1123 or email VFC at volleyforcharity@yahoo.com

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Great news from St. Albert's School

Another series of great accomplishments from our students:

Alyssa Creger, 6th grade participated in the essay contest sponsored by the daughter of American revolution, Swallow Cliff Chapter, and was invited to their youth awards tea and presented with a plaque.

Joseph Kelly, 7th grade received a $100 saving bond as a 1st place winner for an essay titled, " is freedom really free?" This contest was sponsored by the VFW.

Other winners in the came contest were, ($50 savings bond) Ryan Graca, Jillian Knapczyk, Erin Hecket, Michael Ward, and Sarah Murphy. Congratulations to our 7th graders.

St. Laurence/Queen of Peace Grammar School Art Invitational Winners

The Art Departments of St Laurence High School and Queen of Peace High School collaborated in conducting a grammar school art invitational. Seventeen grammar school form the area accepted the invitation to send their best works of art to the exhibit to be judged. The exhibit took place on Sunday, February 23 at St. Laurence High School an award were given for Best of School, Medal of Honor and one award for Best of Show. Mrs. Sandy Szfranek and Mr. Geene Smerz of the two schools art departments coordinated and conducted the invitational. Winners in the invitational were Eileen Esk (best of school) of St. Gerald, Oak Lawn; Tony Magnotti (best of school), Monika Maraniak and Monika Glowacz (Medals) of Maddock School, Burbank; Jackie Carmody (best of school), Brittany Zichuller and Carty McNicholas (medals) of St. Alexander School, Palos Hights; Kathy [illegible] (best of school), Paola Carrillo and Barb Kozol (medals) of Fry School, Burbank; Laura Pyznarski (best of school), Eileen Mesler and Suzanne Ostrowski (medals) of Our Lady of the Ridge, Chicago Ridge; David Mlinarcik (best of school), Trinidad Turz and Monica Kompercle (Medals) of Mark Twain school, Chicago; Jose Ibarra (best of school), Dan Lopez and Eric Kroll and Drew Velasquez (medals) of St. Bede School, Chicago; Althea Panganiban (best of school), Bial Salcha and Margaret Kurczak (medals) of Kennedy School, Burbank; Kimberly Suin (best of school), Jose Anaya and Christine Stephens (medals) of St. Daniel the Prophet School, Chicago; Emma Hudson (best of school and best of show), Melissa Wrobie and Jakub Wyrostek (medals) of Burbank school, Anne Schutzenbaumer (best of school), Kevin Barsaloux and Alyssa Hronec (medals) of St. Bernadette School, Evergreen Park; Mallory Zapata (best of school), Beatrice Thomas and Venessa Buzo (medals) of St. Gall School, Chicago; Joe Patton (best of school) Molly condon and Rachel Hatfield (medals) of St John Fisher, Chicago; Bianca Nino (best of school), Michelle Ayala and Adrian Sanchez (medals) of Our Lady of the Snows School, Chicago; John Higgins (best of school), Joe Pacelli and Sean Hitz (medals) of St. Symphorosa, Chicago; Abel Villarreal (best of school), Katie Campos and Pablo Silva (medals) of St. Simon School, Chicago

Bremen High School District 228 board meeting summary

The board of Education approved minutes for the regular and closed session meetings held February 18, 2003 and the committee of the whole meeting held February 26, 2003.

Ms. Donna Laporte was recognized by Dr. Robert Bertholzen and received the Volunteer Award of the Month.

A resident spoke regarding Board comments in a recent newspaper article and the district's budget.

A resident spoke regarding plans to remove Bremen and Hillcrest High Schools from the state academic warning list.

A resident spoke regarding a recent newspaper article and freedom of speech, and a Freedom of Information request.

A resident spoke regarding suitable topics of discussion at Board meetings.

A resident spoke regarding attendance at the national School Board Associations annual conference in April 2003.

Dr. Repinger announced the following:

A letter was received from a parent commimenting the "Learn-a-Test" program available to students.

South Suburban College will hold its 12th Annual Instrument Day for parents on march 13 and 14.

Mrs. Rybak thanked all who sent get-well cards and prayers to her mom.

Mrs. Walker read a prepared statement regarding comments make by Oak Forest resident Verla Clevenger at the February 18 Board of Education meeting.

The finance, building and grounds, and Labor/Management committees provided reports.

A closed session meeting was held.

The Board of Education approved new business items as follows:

Bills, Amendment to bills, payroll, over $5000 purchase orders, driver education car rental bids, emergency generator bids at the Art center, bleacher for Oak Forest High School, elevator at Tinley Park High School, personnel - certificated staff.

Retirements - 2004 Susan Corcoran, Jane Crossley, Dennis Gavin, John D'Ambrosio, Richard Fleck, Gregory Howe, Gayle Lutteso, Barbara Marsteller, Edward Moy, William Nowak, Gordon Olson, Ruth O'Sullivan, Nancy Rowe, Ann Schwebl, Melanie Scott.

Resignations - Kevin Donegan, Sean McSweeney and Elizabeth Valikevic.

Promotions - [illegible], Thomas O'Malley and [illegible].

Employment - [illegible]

[illegible] employment - Summer [illegible]

A [illegible] was held.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 PM.

The next regular Board meeting is March 18, 2003 at Oak Forest High School at 7:30 PM.

Office of Citizens Services Rules of the Road

This program serves those needing to retest for drivers license renewal. A representative from the Secretary of States Office will review current driving laws. There is NO FEE; however, registration is necessary, and may be made by stopping at OCS, or phoning 422-9776.

The Illinois Rules of the Road Class is scheduled for Thursday, May . (10:00 A.M. - 12 Noon) at the community Center, 3450 W 97th St., Evergreen Park.

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Collectors Flippin" Over Flapjacks

By Anna Gold

Q: Can you tell me anything about old pancake turners, which I recently started to collect? Della Porter, Virginia Beach, VA

A: Some collectors flip over old flippers, turners, or lifters for flapjacks, griddle cakes, pancakes, or anything else that needed "flipping" or flipping. Turners were wrought by blacksmiths as early as the 17th and 18th centuries. Especially desirable are early wrought-iron turners, often given as wedding gifts, with decorative designs or names incised on the handle. Some have "witch marks" to ward off witches, demons, and devils from bewitching the cakes and thus poisoning those who ate them. Some exceptional iron turners were embellished with a brass star-shaped witch mark with points around the edges for extra protection. Utensils and other early fireplace cooking implements often were protected with witch marks to keep witches and hobgoblins from hiding in food. "Witch-marked" utensils have a peculiar charm that adds to their value. Some wrought-iron turners were shaped like solid keyholes with triangular-shaped paddles or small flat shovels or spades with looped or twisted handles from which they could hang, or were topped off with a ball-shaped knob, or a seal with incised metals, much like those used for sealing wax. Later, in the 19th and 20th centuries, machine-made turners were produced in plain or japanned tin, stainless steel, and aluminum designed with solid, perforated, slit, slotted, or pierced designs with cutout motifs of hearts, flowers, and polka dots, while other tin examples dating from 1910 had a long rod-like handle ending in a snake-shaped or spiral design for easy gripping. Such turners were made with both perforated and solid head styles. Especially desirable are tin turners which advertised products such as "Rumford: the Wholesome Baking Powder". Many pancake turners were made and marked by the A&J Manufacturing Co. which opened in 1909 in Binghamton, NY, and was acquired by the Edward Katzinger Co. in 1929, with the Katzinger name being changed to EKCO Products Co. in 1945, and which went on to produce quality kitchenware we're all familiar with.

Q: My grandfather left us his large collection of old guns. How can we find out more about them and their values? George Thomas, Green Bay, WI

A: Sure as shootin' you'll find out everything you want to know about them and much more in the new 13th edition of the "2003 Standard Catalog of FIREARMS: The Collector's Price & Reference Guide" by Ned Schwing with 110,000 accurate prices in six grades of conditions, details on 25,000 models, and over 6,000 black, white and color photos, available in a gigantic 1,384-page telephone-directory-size edition for $38.95 postpaid from Krause Publications, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990-0001, or phone (800) 258-0929 toll free to order. You'll love this book which also contains a SHOOTER'S MARKETPLACE with phone numbers and websites.

Q: My husband inherited over 100 old postcards from his maternal grandmother which date from about 1905 to 1910 and picture photos of Central Illinois and Ohio locations. I reckon they are in excellent condition with the colors still bright and vivid being stored in an album with acid-free sleeves kept in a dark container away from sunlight. Where can I find information on them, and their worth? T.K. Taylor, Decatur, Ill.

A: Write old postcards expert and author J. L. Mashburn c/o Colonial House Book Publishers & Distributors, P.O. Box 609, Enka, NC 28728. Enclose accurate descriptions of the cards, or phone him at (828) 667-1427. Mashburn buys real photo postcards dating from 1900 to 1940, of all kinds of views in small cities and towns, including street scenes, store fronts, depots, and buildings, as well as Indians, African-Americans, and political, patriotic, transportation and other interesting events. His excellent books on postcards which picture and price countless examples (that could put bucks in your pocket) includes "The Postcard Price Guide," 4th Edition, with 592-pages and over 900 photos for $24.95 postpaid, the "Black Postcard Price Guide," 2nd Edition, with 400-pages and over 700 photos, for $24.95 postpaid, the "Sports Postcard Price Guide," with 480-pages and over 900 photos, for $24.95 postpaid, and the "Fantasy Postcard Price Guide," with 352-pages and 656 photos, for $22.95 postpaid, all of which are available from Mashburn's aforementioned address.

Write Anna Gold, P.O. Box 597341, Chicago, IL 60659; enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Moraine Chorale preforms at Carnegie hall

Twenty-two members of the Moraine Chorale performed in February at Carnegie Hall in New York City with members of 21 other choruses from the United States and Canada as part of the New England Symphonic Ensemble. In all over 350 choristers performed as part of the ensemble.

Renowned conductor John Rutter led the ensemble as they performed a world premier version of his piece Mass for Children and the United States premiere of his composition Psalm 150. The ensemble also performed another of Rutter's arrangements, Feel the Spirit, along with Bernstein's Overture to Candide.

The Moraine Chorale was invited to perform in the ensemble by MidAmerica Productions, which over the past 20 years has brought together conductors, choruses, soloists and orchestral musicians for performances at some of the world's greatest venues, including New York's Carnegie Hall. Nicolas Thomas, assistant professor of Music and coordinator of music activities for Moraine Valley, directs the Moraine Chorale. Thomas has twice previously led the South Suburban Choir at Carnegie Hall.

The ensemble performance was held in conjunction with the American Choral Directors Association's National Convention. Founded in 1959, the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) is a nonprofit music-education organization whose central purpose is to promote excellence in choral music through performance, composition, publication, research and teaching. In addition, ACDA strives through arts advocacy to elevate choral music's position in American society.

Rutter was born in London and studied at Cambridge while also serving as the director of music at Clare College. His career has spanned three decades, and among his compositions are such widely performed choral works as Faure Requiem, Gloria and Magnificat. In 1996 he became the first living composer to be honored with the Archbishop of Canterbury's award of a Lambeth Doctorate of Music, and in 2002 he was chosen to write a new setting of Psalm 150 for Queen Elizabeth's Golden Jubilee, a celebration commemorating the 50th anniversary of the queen's accession to the throne.

For more information or for new media inquiries, call Jodi [illegible], public relations generalist, at (708) 974-5740.

Bridgeview Chamber holds Golf Outing

Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce & Industry's is holding their their Annual Golf Outing and Dinner at the Carriage Greens Country Club in Darien on Thursday, June 19th, 2003. Reservations required for both golf and dinner. Call the office to book your Tee-times at (708) 598-1700. Don't miss this great networking

12th annual D-Final Event

Tickets are now available for the De La Salle Institute's 12th annual D-Final Event. All are welcome to attend the 12th annual D-Final Event on Monday, April 7th in the school's Pinnacle Activity Center located at 3455 S. Wabash Ave. in Chicago. Doors open at 6 P.M.

De La Salle's D-Final Event features the NCAA men's basketball championship game on four oversized 9 x 12 foot television screens as well as numerous other televisions. Also offered to those in attendance will be a buffet dinner, beverages and a silent auction, along with the opportunity to win cash and prizes through several contests.

In addition, $28,000 will be given away through the D-Final Super Raffle. Super raffle tickets are $50 each and are now available at the school. There will be only 1,500 tickets sold with 75 guaranteed winners.

The silent auction at the 12th annual D-Final Event will feature an interesting array of sports memorabilia, including authentically autographed items from Tiger Woods, Brian Urlacher, Pete Rose, Dale Earnhardt, Dick Butkus, Magglio Ordonez and Mark Prior.

Admission tickets for the event are $25 if purchased in advance and $30 at the door and include the dinner buffet and beverages. Free parking will be available in Illinois Institute of technology's parking lot located adjacent to the Pinnacle Activity Center at 35th Street and Wabash Avenue. All proceeds from the 12th Annual D-Final Event benefit De La Salle's students.

For admission tickets, sponsorship opportunities, Super Raffle tickets or more information please contact Ms. Colleen Kinne in De La Salle's office for advancement at (312) 842-7355 ext 1466

Kappa Delta Pi

Chicago. Ms. Margaret Mendez, a member of the De La Salle Institute faculty who teaches French and directs the De La Salle Chorus, was initiated as a member of the society in the Sigma Theta Chapter of the Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education.

Mendez received her certificate and purple and gold cord during ceremonies at St. Xavier University on Sunday, February 9, 2003. In 1986 at St. Xavier she was awarded a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education and business Administration with a minor in French.

In December of 2003, Mendez will wear the purple and gold cord when she graduates with her Master in Education Administration.

Kappa Delta Pi [illegible] professional fellowship and encourages professional growth while honoring achievement in educational work. Invited to membership are persons who exhibit commendable personal qualities, educational ideals and sound scholarship.

De La Salle Institute congratulates Ms. Mendez on her initiation into Kappa Delta Pi.

Library meeting changed

The Board of Trustees of the Green Hills Public Library, 8611 W. 103rd St. Palos Hills, has changed the date of the April Regular Meeting. The April Regular Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Please note the change.

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Tickets are available from the Beverly Arts Center 2407 West 111th Chicago (773) 445-3838.

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Office of Citizens Services Luncheons

OCS monthly luncheons continue:

Thursday, March 27 - 1:00 P.M. Menu: Corned beef casserole, bread, dessert, beverage. Tickets $6, deadline March 24.

Wednesday, April 30 - 1:00 P.M. Menu: Seafood pasta, roll, beverage, dessert. Tickets $6, deadline April 26.

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"Community In Focus,"

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Within the questions and answers, Gannon explained his role as president. Ed McElroy has been on Chicago radio and television for over 50 years.

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St. Laurence math team qualifies for state finals

Members of the St Laurence Math Team qualified to compete in the State of Illinois finals in Mathematics to be held a the University of Illinois, Urbana-Campaign, on April 26. They qualified by competing in the Regional held at Joliet Junior College in February. The St. Laurence Frosh-Soph eight-person team and the calculator team both captured first place in the regional. Mike Potoczack garnered first place in the oral competition while the junior Ryan Milligan finished in second place in Algebra 2. The junior-senior eight-person team also qualified for state finals. Pictured here with their moderator Mr Patrick Fowler (Far Left) are the members of the St Laurence Math Team: Matt Alvin (Burbank), Kevin Kapiel (Burbank), Brian Maynard (Burbank), Mark Koll (Scottsdale), Pedro Salcedo (Scottsdale), David Troy (Mt Greenwood), Mike Konik (Garfield Ridge), Ed Volc (Burbank), Chris Marzano (Justice), Jeff Mikula (Archer Hts), Mike Potoczak (Scottsdale), Miguel Rojas (West Eldson), Ryan Milligan (Homer Glen), Chris Byrdak (Garfield Ridge), Kevin Dupey (West Elsdon), Mike Faber (Palos Park), Joe Ficher (Burbank), Roger Fierro (Clearing), Sergio Valadez (Scottsdale), and Tony Bertucci (Archer Hts.)

George J. Behnle Jr

George J. Behnle Jr., 76yrs old and resident of Orland Park IL for the past 26 years, is running for position of Orland Park Library Board Trustee.

In the past George served 5 and a half years on the Oak Lawn Library Board as vice president of the library board and building chairman. George also served in the US army WWII, army finance corp. Southwest, Pacific (AFWESPAC). He is also a former member of the American library association and the Illinois library association.

Letter from George.

The new Orland Park Library will have new fiscal problems with a larger building, due to my financial background, I would be able to handle these problems.

The new library should be accessible to all of Orland Park.

I served 5 1/2 years on the Oak Lawn library Board, from April 1971 to November 1976. During this time the new Oak Lawn Library building was built to accommodate a population of 70,000 according to the American library association. While on the Oak Lawn library board I was also vice president of the library board and building chairman.

With my experience I believe I will be an asset to the Orland Park library board and to the Orland Park community for their new library.

Revelations on Terror Attacks

What: A months-long investigation by the Aviation integrity Project reveals serious conflicts of interests by appointees to the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks, the body that is charged with investigating the United State's failure to prevent the 9/11 attacks. The commission is packed with lobbyists from the aviation industry, defense contractors and energy interests.

Who: Familiar names and corporations, including former Illinois Gov. James R. Thompson, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, Boeing and United Airlines are part of the story.

Why: Should anyone with money or political ties to the airline industry—which may have failed to heed the warnings of such an attack – by on the commission? Henry A. Kissinger in December stepped down as chairman of the blue ribbon commission because of alleged conflicts of interest. But Kissinger isn't alone.

This story of national importance was developed by the Aviation Integrity Project, funded by three Suburban O'Hare Commission communities – Bensenville, Elk Grove Village and Park Ridge. While looking into contracts, conflicts of interest and potential corruption at the airport, the Project discovered this story of national significance. The story is of such national importance, that the decision was made to reveal it immediately, before the Project makes additional reveals about similar problems at O'Hare.

When: CBS Evening News reported on the findings – Wednesday, March 5th at 5:320 p.m. CST. A press conference providing complete details was held by the AIP, 10:30 a.m., Thursday, March 6th, Suite 700 of the Union League Club, 65 W. Jackson.

Background: Last January, Congress created the bipartisan, supposedly impartial panel of prominent citizens to investigate and answer critical questions of how America was attacked. The leading members of both Houses from each party, along with President Bush, each were given two appointments to the panel. Publicly, the panel was touted as a hard look at the causes of preventative measures of 9/11.

But in reality, the panel is a risk of becoming a cover-up, loaded with political and industry insiders, with enough conflicts of interest to call into question the integrity of the panel. The American people deserve honest, clear answers.

48th annual awards banquet

All aboard for the Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce 48th Annual Awards Banquet & Inaugural Cruise on Friday, March 28, 2003 at the Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park.

Feast on Filet and Chicken dinner. $45 per person, cash bar (6:30 Captain's Reception Cocktail Hour). Black Tie Optional.

Don't let the cruise set sail without you! RSVP to the Chamber office by March 17, 2003 and include payment with reservation.

Tinley Park holds "business after hours"

Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to attend "Business After Hours" Thursday, April 3, 2003, 4:30p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (4:45 p.m. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony officiated by Mayor Zabrocki) and hosted by: Seniors Club, Ltd., 7040 Centennial Dr., Tinley Park. As a courtesy to our host, please RSVP by March 31st to the Chamber office, (708) 532-5700. Enjoy some entertainment and refreshments!

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Palos Park holds council meeting

by Carlene O'Conner

The Palos Park Village Council passed two measures brought forward by Mayor Jean Moran at Monday night's meeting. The first of these, A Fair Housing and Nondiscrimination Policy Ordinance, is required in order to execute the second, A Resolution to Appoint Chicago Southland Development, Inc. (CSDI) as Palos Park's Administrator of the Cook County Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Program.

The explanation by Mayor Moran and the Village Attorney, Thomas Bayer, indicated that the Fair Housing and Nondiscrimination Policy requires no more or less than the current laws require of all municipalities and sellers of property, that is, that no person shall suffer discrimination in the process of buying, selling, or renting a home. The second measure, the Resolution, enables Palos Park residents to take advantage of a program designed to assist persons of limited income in maintaining their homes.

The program is administered regionally, in this case by Mayor Thomas Murowski of Midlothian. There is no charge for a municipality to participate in the program. There is no charge for a resident to participate in the program. The program has some grant funds, but is primarily a no interest loan program.

Residents whose homes need improvements but whose level of income does not allow them to get these improvements or repairs may apply for the funds. The improvements must include bringing the building up to code, so that the building is safe and habitable after they are made. The resident pays no interest and is not obligated to repay any of the principal until the home is sold. There are limits on the income, beginning around $30,000 for a person living alone. Families with more than one person may have more income and still be eligible for the funds.

There is no expense to the municipality or the resident to apply for or to use these funds. This program is used in Oak Lawn, Tinley Park, Midlothian, and other neighboring municipalities. Mayor Moran appears to have brought forward a win-win proposal for the people of Palos Park.

This will create better and safer housing for the residents, a more attractive community, and properties that will retain their value. All of this will be accomplished at no expense to the residents and will not impose on the time of the staff at the Village Hall.

Other actions of the Village Council included the purchase of a corner lot at 123rd and 86th Avenue. The property would become buildable if not purchased by the Village, but will now be used as passive recreation space.

The Village Council recognized the efforts of two boys who achieved recognition for passing a Ranger test in the police cadet program. The brothers, participated and competed for the recognition. Both boys, Ross Chibe and Drew Chibe, passed the test for recognition, but only Ross, who is in the eight grade, was old enough to be officially recognized as a Ranger.

The Council decided to participate in the mutual Aide Agreement from the Southwest Conference of Mayors. This program allows the Village to receive assistance from other Villages in emergencies, and pledges them to give assistance to neighboring villages and towns.

The Council also discussed the possibility of working with neighboring towns on the problems of mosquito abatement this coming summer.

McDonald - Linn, Chicago Ridge annual Bonco

McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. post 177 ladies auxiliary 10537 SO. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 1-708-636-3220, will be holding their annual "Bunco" on March 30, 2003, doors open 12:30 P.M., play starts at 1:00 P.M. Brunch, raffles and refreshments will be part of the day a $3.00 donation can be paid at the door, or call Pat at 1-708-636-3220 from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. for tickets and details.

McDonald Linn "Spaghetti Dinner"

McDonald Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W post 177, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL., 1-708-636-3220, has restarted their "spaghetti Dinner" night on the first Thursday of each month. Spaghetti and all the trimming, dessert, pop and coffee. Bar specials. Cost is $5.00 adults, $3.00 children 10 year and over. We also have carry-outs.

Please come and try out spaghetti.

McDonald Linn ladies auxiliary

McDonald Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W post 177, Ladies auxiliary, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL. Would like to open up their membership to anyone who is interested in becoming a member. If your husband, father, son or brother served over sea in time of war or now, please call Jeanie at 1-708-599-6289 after 6 P.M.

We would like to welcome all to join.

Jolly Time low Fat pop corn

Health and weight conscious pop corn lovers of the world, rejoice. Now, you have a choice.

While the popularity of flavored microwave pop corn, such as double butter, cheese and kettle corn has skyrocketed in recent years, consumers of low fat microwave pop corn products have been left in the wake of this wave of full bodied flavor fulfillment. Until now.

For years, Jolly Time Pop corn has sated health and weight conscious consumers with its Healthy Pop 94% Fat free microwave pop corn. Now, the company gives these same consumers the opportunity to add a little variety to their pop corn diet with the introduction of Healthy Pop Kettle Corn.

"The arrival of flavored, low-fat microwave pop corn is long overdue," says Garry Smith, president of Sioux City, Iowa-Based Jolly Time Pop Corn. "Our exhaustive research and trial has delivered the perfect kinda sweet, kinda salty flavor profile people crave, all while maintaining the product's low-fat attributes." He adds, "I think our Healthy Pop consumers will find the Kettle Corn product well work the wait.

Smith says that the company's ultra-loyal Healthy Pop consumers has been clamoring for a low-fat version of kettle corn since the introduction of KettleMania Microwave Pop Corn last year. Some consumers ever created their own "homemade" lower fat version of Kettle corn by mixing a bag of healthy Pop 94% fat free microwave pop corn with a bag of kettlemania microwave pop corn.

And, while Healthy pop kettle corn is the first non-butter flavored, low-fat microwave pop corn entry for Jolly Time, it won't be the company's last low-fat product introduction. "Our health and weight conscious consumers deserve to enjoy the same variety and choices as do consumers of our regular product line," smith explains.

And, apparently, low-fat microwave pop corn purchasers can use all the variety they can get. Smith says that his company's consumer and field research indicates that many low-fat microwave pop corn purchasers consume one bag of the product each day. At that rate of consumption, it's likely that consumers will stick several flavors to add variety to their daily rations.

Healthy pop kettle corn is currently being rolled out to supermarkets nationwide. Each box of healthy pop kettle corn contains 3-3.0 oz. bags. Each bag pops up about ten cups of kettle corn. The 9 oz. box has a suggested retail price of $1.99

Jolly Time pop corn is one of the world's leading pop corn innovators and is America's original branded, packaged pop corn. The family owned, Sioux City, Iowa based company has been supplying America with inventive, fun pop corn products for more than 88 years.

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Oak Lawn trustees voice safety concerns

by
Matt Mayer

At the March 25th Oak Lawn village Board of Trustees meeting, Trustee Steven Rosenbaumn reported that the Illinois prison review board has accepted a resolution, submitted by the Village, and that Maurice Childs was denied parole, for the heinous crime of attempted murder in 1979 of a house keeper at an Oak Lawn Hotel. He said Childs will remain in prison for a minimum of one additional year. He thanked the village board and Chief of Police Robert Smith for testifying at the review board. Rosenbaum also stated that the board will remain vigilant in regards to this matter.

Rosenbaumn also stated that due to the road construction on 103rd street between Pulaski Rd and Cicero Ave, the traffic has increased considerably on 99th Street, both east and west bound.

He requested a traffic study be done at 99th and Cicero, in regard to the traffic signals. Due to the height of some vehicles, he is concerned that the visibility of the traffic signal may be obscured. He also suggested that a hanging traffic signal may be needed - as well as the possibility of adjusting the timing of the signals.

Trustee Marjorie Ann Joy reported receiving several phone calls from residents over the weekend regarding motorized scooters. Joy said that 10 year old children are riding around on the streets late at night, with no protective clothing, no lights, with no respect for the traffic. She said she received calls from 3 people concerned that they were going to hit these children. She believes Evergreen Park has an ordinance as well as several other suburbs prohibiting these scooters on pubic street. Joy said it is far too dangerous for these children to be out at night, and is concerned for their safety. She said this has been going an almost every evening especially in the area of Buell Ave, 102nd St., and Oakdale drive. Joy asked that police watch this area.

Joy also stated that she can't imagine parent allowing their children to participate in this dangerous behavior. Joy also reported that she had received a complaint form a gentlemen that prior evening, as well as several other complains from area residents - in regard to loud motor cycles. She said that many of the cyclists have removed the mufflers. Joy also asked that the police department enforce the Village noise ordinance in this matter.

The board approved the following ordinances: a garage height variation at 6831 West 96th St., a special use permit to allow for certain signage in the PL (Public Lands) district at 4201 W. 93rd St., approval of a one lot consolidation and granting a lot area variation at 8945 S. Austin Ave., approval of a two lot re subdivision and granting certain lot variations at 5824 W. 90 St., as well as an ordinance approving a driveway width variation at 5050 and 5057 Lamb Drive. A resolution expressing intent to participate in the suburban tree consortium five year contractual program was also approved.

The board awarded the contract to the lowest bidder, Crowley Sheppard Asphalt, for the 2003 supply of bituminous materials. The board also awarded the E.J. Harker Pumping station roof replacement project to the lowest bidder, J. L. Adler Roofing and Sheet Metal Inc, in amount of $21,827.00

A request to waive the bidding process and award the contract to Valcan Material Company for the 2003 supply of limestone was approved, due to the specific quality and reliability of the vender.

A request by Dr. Schlenker to rezone the property at 9511 S. Merrimac Avenue form R-1 (Single Family Residential zoning) to PK (Parking zoning.) was postponed until next meeting on April 8th since Dr. Schlenker was not present at the meeting to address that issues Mayor Ernest Kolb, as well as several other board members have, in regards to exactly how this property will be used. The Board adjourned to executive session to discuss labor negotiations.

Sales communications tax increase

by Matt Mayer

The March 17th Evergreen Park Village Board meeting commenced with Mayor James Sexton welcoming back longtime resident and avid board meeting attendee, Joe Loschober. Sexton announced the second Evergreen Park Environmental Awareness Fair set for April 12th, from 9:30 am. to 1 pm., at the Activity Center. Sexton announced that absentee voting is available in the village hall for the April 1st election. The village hall is open from 9 am to 5 pm. Mayor Sexton also announced that the tree planting program ends April 4th.

The board approved new business licenses for Mobile Nurses, Inc., a nurse finders agency at 9730 S. Western Ave, Before Baby and Beyond, a retail sale business specializing in maternity as well as infant apparel and products, to be located in the Evergreen Plaza 9500 S. Western Ave. A business license was also approved for Good Deal. net., a computer sales and repair business, which will include office products as well as miscellaneous merchandise at 3925 W. 95th Street.

The board approved a sales tax increase of .25 percent on purchases made in the village of Evergreen Park, raising the current sales tax of 8.50 percent of 8.75 percent effective of July 1st. Sexton said Evergreen Park is a home rule community, therefore the village board is allowed to raise the sales tax. Municipalities with home rule status, are also given additional powers along with the ability to raise sales taxes - they also have the ability to raise property taxes - as well as having more control over zoning and licensing laws. The board also approved an increase in the telecommunications tax on telephone bills from 4 percent to 6 percent - this is needed due to the increased cost of the 911 service that Evergreen Park shares with the village of Oak Lawn. This increase will also be effective July 1st.

The board approved a proclamation request to proclaim May 18-24 2003 as "Save a life week." A request form John Appleton for two sidewalk sales, at the Red Wing Shoe Store was also approved for Saturday, May 31st and Saturday, September 27th 2003.

A petition from residents of the 9600 block of Mozart Ave to erect an honorary street sign, naming the 9600 block of Mozart Ave, Emil J. Hess Ave, was also approved.

The village engineer outlined the progress made in regards to the new traffic signal project at 94th and Kedzie Ave., which will begin on April 15th.

Comfort Keepers offers new services

Life can be extremely stressful for some senior citizens and their families. Simple, daily tasks like getting to doctor's appointments, shopping for groceries and clothing, doing the laundry, running errands and preparing meals can be frustrating events. The stress that is caused will sometimes lead families into discussions of moving their loved ones into a nursing home. Comfort keepers hopes to eliminate some of the stress and make it possible for senior citizens to remain in the comfort and privacy of their own home.

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Madigan sues Chicago used car dealership for consumer fraud, false advertising practices.

Chicago Attorney General Lisa Madigan today filed suit against a Chicago used car dealership and two individuals for allegedly failing to deliver vehicles to consumers after accepting down payments and falsely advertising vehicle prices on the Internet, among other practices.

The defendants are Grand Auto Sales, Inc., formerly located at 5450 N. Western Ave., Chicago, and 2401 N. Mannheim Rd., Franklin Park; Kris Stojkowski, owner; and Renata Skojkowski, President. The defendants who closed shop in August 2002, allegedly violated numerous provisions of the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act and the Illinois Motor Vehicle Advertising Regulations.

"Purchasing a car is a big investment. When a consumer enters into an agreement with a car dealership, both parties must uphold the terms of the deal," Madigan said. "Businesses that take advantage of consumers and break the law will be prosecuted."

Since August 2001, the Attorney General's Consumer Fraud bureau has received a number of complaints against the defendants. Allegations include:

Advertising a vehicle for one price on the internet and another price at the lot

Failing to return a consumer's cash down payment after the defendant could not obtain financing for the consumer

Failing to refund a consumer's in full, cash payment for a vehicle that was never delivered to the consumer.

Failing to forward consumer's payments to financial institutions that financed the vehicle purchases.

Failing to pay off unpaid loan balances due on consumer trade-in vehicles

Failing to apply with the Secretary of State for transfer of title and license plates for a vehicle after charging consumers to do so.

Failing to forward to warranty companies payments received form consumers for warranty or extended service contracts.

Failing to have a consumer sign a non-English translation form written in Spanish to verify that the consumer understood the written vehicle purchase contract.

Madigan is seeking a permanent injunction, restitution for consumers, costs, a civil penalty of $50,000 and an additional penalty of $50,000 for each act found by the court to be committed with intent to defraud.

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View of American Legion Commander

Indianapolis (March 17, 2003). "I am convinced that President Bush has done everything possible to disarm Iraq peacefully." The words of Ronald F. Conley, national commander of The American Legion, come in the wake of the President's address to the nation. "No one wants war. Those of us who have seen the face of war do not want to see such horror again, not for our families and not for the families of others," Conley said.

"The President has demonstrated patience and resolve in facing the threat of potential terrorist attacks by those armed with weapons of mass destruction. The United States of America must face facts, some things are worth fighting for and our freedom and security are paramount.

"At such a critical time in our nation's history, I call on all Americans to show support for our men and women in uniform. Show our colors once again by flying the American flag with pride and purpose of national unity.

"Join with others in prayer for those in uniform. Look for Blue Star Service Banners in home windows everywhere. This rekindled tradition reminds us that the war on terrorism touches every street and country lane in the land. I am proud of the 2.8 million members of the American Legion who have worked to bring this humble tradition back to life," Conley said.

In a private letter to President Bush late last week the Commander wrote: "When you hear voices of appeasement, remember scripture teaches that 'He shall direct our paths.' We veterans know war is not always avoidable. Scripture also teaches us 'to everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven...a time of war, and a time of peace...and God doeth it that men should fear before him.' The American Legion Kneels with you and those in uniform and stands beside you, shoulder to shoulder for God and country."

"The American Legion provides support for the families of those deployed through its Family Support Network," Conley said. "There are many ways to show your support for our troops. Visit our web site a www.legion.org for more information.

one. I solidly support our troops who will bear the burden of military action. I suspect that their action will result in a quick resolution of the war.

In October of last year, I voted against the authorization for military force against Iraq because of the Bush administration's disjointed approach and the fact that I could no in good conscience support military force until we first sought UN weapons inspections and the support of the international community. I still feel that the way that the Bush administration handled this situation was not the best approach. However, considering the large number of Americans and allied troops and weaponry deployed to the Gulf region, I do not think we could afford to continue to sit back while Saddam Hussein continued to play games with UN weapons inspectors and mock the deadline of disarmament.

United Nations and our friends around the world to outline our post war reconstruction efforts. I fear that during the post war occupation of Iraq, many of Husseins supporters will go into hiding and act as guerrillas, attacking post conflict troops. I believe that the United States and the United Kingdoms troops would be these guerrillas main target. In order to prevent guerrilla attacks in the post war Iraq, it would be prudent for the United Kingdom and United States to have predominate presence of behind the scenes support with limited involvement in staffing Iraq. It is my hope that other nations will be pro-active in supplying the personnel to rebuild Iraq. We must diligently reestablish relations with the international community so that we may again work harmoniously together to restore peace and avoid war.

As the war with Iraq commences, my thoughts are with our courageous troops and their families and I pray for their safe and swift return home."

Diplomacy continues to be crucial. The United States should continue diplomacy to assemble the broadest coalition possible to assist our efforts during and after the military conflict. America will especially need the support of our allies to rebuild Iraq. We must begin working immediately with the

Picture from right to left: Giedre Elekyte, Aurra Bueuas, Pat Michalski, assistant to the Cook County treasurer for Ethnic Affairs, Gene Razumiene, Mikle Razumaite and Alois Razmus.

Cook county treasurer brings greetings from Lithuanian treasurer

A representative of Cook County Treasurer, Maria Pappas brought greetings from the Treasurer for the Luthianian Independence Commemorative Ceremony sponsored by the Lithuanian American Community, Inc. Chicago Chapter.

Flower Fairies at Fields

Vibrant English gardens of roses and hyacinth, rustic cobblestone paths, grand arborvitae hedges, graceful weeping willows, the secret spaces where flower fairies frolic are revealed at this years Marshall Field's Spring Flower Show - Flower Fairies by Cicely Mary Barker, interpreted by European floral designer Paula Pryke.

Beginning March 22 through April 6, Marshall Field's State Street and Water Towers stores will be transformed into breathtaking English countryside settings, with fanciful flower fairies dwelling amidst the lush gardens.

As guests enter the Water Tower store, they will witness vibrant color blocks of spring flowers. Columns and chandeliers throughout the store will be adorned with ribbons, carrying shades of blues, green and oranges up to the store's second level. Along the main aisle, dramatic and innovative arrangements by Paula Pryke will sit atop resin pedestals surrounded by bed of blooming plants and other foliage. If guests look closely in the gardens, they'll see flower fairies darting about.

Madigan files criminal contempt charges against Berwyn home repair contractor for violating court order

Attorney General Lisa Madigan filed criminal contempt charges against a home repair contractor who allegedly is back in business even though the Attorney General's office won a court order nearly five years ago forbidding him form operating a home repair business for 15 years.

Madigan's office was tipped off that Dunbar allegedly was doing the same type of work after receiving new complaints against him in 2001 and again last year.

In a complaint filed in Cook County Circuit Court, Madigan charges that John Dunbar, formerly d/b/a AAA Custom Improvement, Inc., 3219 S. Harlem, Berwyn, entered into at least two contracts with consumers following an October 30, 1998, court order prohibiting him form doing so. The court order followed a suit filed by the Attorney General's office against Dunbar on July 27, 1998, alleging consumer fraud.

"The court order was very clear, John Dunbar was forbidden from home improvement, remodeling or repair services in Illinois for 15 years," Madigan said. "Our message is equally clear, we will file charges if a court order is ignored."

Following the 1998 court order, the Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Division received new complaints against Dunbar alleging that he preformed shoddy work and cause damage to a consumer's home. In addition, another consumer alleged Dunbar accepted her down payment, but did not return to complete the work until more than a year later, after the consumer filed a complaint.

Madigan is seeking a fine of at least $500 and incarceration of the defendant for the period not to exceed six months.

Alumni Banquet will be held

The 67th annual Alumni Banquet of Mount Carmel High School will be held on Friday, May 2, 2003 at the Rosewood West Restaurant and Banquet Complex, 131st and Cicero, Crestwood, IL., 60445. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 pm, following dinner at 7:30 pm.

The classes of 1953 and 1978 are the special guests at this year's banquet. Tickets are $40.00 in advance and are available at the door for $45.00.

For additional information and tickets, please contact Frank Kiszka at (773)-324-1020, ext. 227.

Will County Forest Preserve offers Spring programs

Wildflower Walk

"Wild about Wildflowers," a free nature walk sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be held on Saturday, April 5, 9:00 am, at Messenger Woods, in rural Lockport.

Each week of warm weather brings new emerging wildflowers. Messenger Woods provides one of the most colorful displays of these shortlived wildflowers in all of the county. Come explore the woodlands as we search for hepaticas, trilliums, blood-root, Dutchman's breeches and more. Trails may be muddy, so dress for the weather. This is the first in a series of spring wild-flower walks scheduled in April at Messenger Woods. Plan on attending more than one program as each week will bring new flowers to enjoy. Messenger Woods is located on Bruce Road, North of Route 6 and East of Cedar Road, in rural Lockport.

For information, call 815-727-8700, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday - Friday.

Subject Frogs

Can you tell the difference between a frog and toad? Did you know that frogs live both in water and on land? These are some of the questions that will be answered in "Ribbet, Peep and Boink," a Sunday Fam-ily Fun program designed for families with children eight years and younger in age. The program, sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be Sun-day, April 6, 2:00 pm, at Plum Creek Nature Center, in Beecher. A fee of $2.00 per person is required. During the program, participants will look at tadpoles and frogs to learn more about them. We will identify and imitate several different kinds of frogs by their unique calls. Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles East of the inter-section of Route 1 and 394 on Goodenow Road, South of Crete.

For additional information, call the Forest Preserve District at 815/727-8700, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday - Friday.

Spring Astronomy

"Exploring the Spring Skies," a free, family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be held on Friday, April 4, 7:00 pm, at Plum Creek Nature Center, in Beecher. This program is recommended for persons of at least 12 years of age.

Saturn will be joined by Jupiter in the night sky and we will still be able to see the Orion nebula and the Pleiades star cluster. At the beginning of the evening, we will be able to study craters on the crescent moon. Later we will search for a globular cluster, a snowball of stars.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Road, South of Crete.

For information, call 815-727-8700, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday - Friday.

Mother McAuley track and field team are the champions

On Sunday March 16th, the Mother McAuley Track and Field Team captured the championship of the fourteen school G.C.A.C. (Girl's Catholic Athletic Conference) by beating Loyola 115 to 65. This was the final meet of the winter, indoor track and field season.

The above photo shows the team and asst coach Debbie Lynch third row loft plus asst coaches Tracy Lehner, Kim Jirik and Bob Brodshy plus head coach Stan Bartecki a the end of the third row right. Taken at Niles West High School.

Columbia College news

The following residents received a Bachelor of Arts degree in January form Columbia College Chicago.

From Oak Lawn; Anita Spero, Diane Svehla and Jessica Wheeler

From Palos Hills; Farah Easa and Maureen Hilton

The following residents have been appointed to the Dean's list at Columbia College Chicago for the fall semester.

From Oak Lawn; Katherine Walsh, Joseph Deir, Jessica Melander, Anita Spero, Diane Svehla, Kevin Walker, Jessica Wheeler, Sarah Grana and Ara Oggoian.

From Palos Hills; Bartlomiej Swiatek

Columbia, an independent liberal arts institution in downtown Chicago, is the country's largest arts and communications college.

South Suburban Heritage Association presents

"The Underground Railroad in the Southern Suburbs," the 16th annual South suburban Cultural History conference sponsored by the South Suburban Heritage Association, will put the spotlight on the mysteries and silence that surrounded a significant period in American history. Many are not aware that Illinois was part of escape route used by slaves fleeing to freedom.

The underground railroad was neither a railroad nor underground but a term denoting the network of routes, stops and conductors that helped thousands escape. Routes and safe houses have been identified in the southern suburbs.

Noted historian, author and educator Dr. Larry McClellan will be the keynote speaker presenting an overview of the Underground railroad in the southern suburbs. Veria Ely, director of Community Development, Village of Ford Heights, will report on the South of Chicago Freedom Trail. Peggy Montes, president of Bronzeville Children's Museum, Marion Kelliher and Paul Petratis of Chicago/Calumet Underground Railroad Effort (C CURE) will be featured speakers.

The conference will be Saturday, April 5 at the First Reformed Church of South Holland, 15924 South Park Ave., South Holland. Preregistration is required at $23.00. Send checks payable to South Suburban Heritage Association, P.O. Box 917, Homewood, IL. 60430. For more information call Elaine or Connie Egdorf, co-chairman, 708/798-9535.

Home Show

Exhibitors at The Home Shows were very satisfied this year. Our show were larger than ever with 20% to 50% increases in attendance. Exhibiting was good.

2003 Spring shows are being held in Lemont from April 4-6 at the Lemont Exhibit Hall and in Berwyn from April 25-27 at the Morton Expo Center. For more information contact Peggy Ruh & Chris Pekarek 630-971-0102

55 Alive Defensive Driving Program

Fifty-Five Alive, a Defensive Driving Program sponsored by AARP, will be offered a Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15 and 16 from 9 am. to 1 pm., at the H. B. Maher Communtiy Center, 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen park.

Attendance for both days in necessary. Class size is limited, so early sign up is recommended. Registration taken at OCS or , if you prefer, by mail sending a check in the amount of $10 (made payable to AARP) to the above address, including your telephone number with the fee.

For further information, phone Office of Citizens Services (708-422-8776)

Flutes Unlimited holds spring concerts

Flutes unlimited is a nonprofit group of flutists from the area consisting of flutists from 5th grade through adults.

Flutes unlimited annual Spring Concert will be on Sunday, April 6, 2003 at 7pm in McGuire Hall at St. Xavier University, 3700 west 103rd Street, Chicago, Illinois. Advanced tickets are $7 for adults, $5 for seniors and children by calling 708-424-4078. At the door, tickets are $8.00 and $6.00.

Music for a" Sacred Place Concert" will be performed by the LTD Choir on Saturday, May 10, 2003 at 7 pm, at Mother McAuley High School Mercy Hall Chapel, 3737 W. 99th Street, Chicago. Tickets are: $7 for adults, $5.00 for students and children. At the door, tickets are $8.00 and $6.00. There is also an advanced ticket sale of a two-concert Package of $10.00 and $8.00 by calling 708-425-4078.

Flutes is a community music ensemble for flutist of all ages. There are three separate ensembles: the Tout Suite Choir for elementary flutists, the Symphonic Choir for intermediate players and the LTD Choir for advanced flutists. Each ensemble will perform separately as well as playing favorites together for the Grand Finale. The Music Director is Annabelle Oshea. Associate Director is Jodi McLawhorn and Julie Tendy is the Assistant Music Director. For further information call the Flutes Unlimited

Aglow International is meeting

The Oak Lawn chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, April 10, 2003 at the White Rose Banquet Hall (formerly Burbank Rose), 6501 West 79th Street, Burbank, IL.

Pastor Chuck Hernandez **will be the speaker this month. He's married to Linda, who is the liaison between the Oak Lawn Lighthouse and the Area Board of Aglow. After retiring from Ameritech, Pastor Chuck began applying key strategies to obtain financial freedom, believing that God desires that his children have this as part of our inheritance. Chuck now shares his knowledge and love of God in seminars and will be sharing this information with those who attend. Come prepared to take notes and uncover the hidden means to your own personal financial growth and prosperity in these uncertain times.**

This month marks the chapter's 25th Anniversary, so there will be special recognition and a short trip down memory lane. Come help celebrate! Dinner tickets are $12.50, available at 6:30 pm at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7:00 pm.

For reservations and or additional information, please call Josephine at (773) 767-8031 or June at (708) 424-1656. Aglow International is an interdenominational organization of renewed Christian women, with over 2,600 fellow**ships which regularly hold meetings, retreats and conferences on six continents. Aglow holds bible studies and publishes leadership training materials, books and tracts, reaching out to women in prisons and hospitals, teenage girls with intercessory prayer groups and support groups.**

Chicago Garden Club meets

The Chicago Garden Club of Mount Greenwood will have their April meeting on April 10, 2003 at the Mount Greenwood Library, 11010 S. Kedzie, at 7:00 pm. The speaker is Greg Stack, University of Illinois Educator and he will discuss some of the new perennials and their care

Citizen's services holds programs

The Office of Citizens' services located at 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park, plans two one-day trips.

"Dames at sea" on Thursday, April 10, 2003. We will ride with Motorcoach to Drury Lane in Oakbrook and enjoy a hilarious musical comedy and a luncheon. There is a choice between roast turkey breast and beef sirloin. The tickets are $45.00.

"Kiss me Kate" on Thursday, July 31, 2003. We will ride with Motorcoach to Drury Lane in Oakbrook and enjoy a musical comedy and a luncheon. There will also be a choice between white fish and chicken marsala. Tickets will be $45.00.

To make reservations please stop at the Office of Citizen's services at the above mentioned address.

Palos Park church presents

Love in Action

The community is invited to attend a program given by Love in Action on Sunday, April 13, 2003 at 7:00 pm. Love in Action is an organization that develops programs designed to help men and women live sexually and relationally pure lives through Jesus Christ. Come and learn about their ministry. Child care will be provided for Pre-Kindergarten and younger. The church is located at 12312 S. 88th Ave. in Palos Park. Phone: 708-448-5220.

Christian Praise Music

Everyone is invited to an evening of casual, energized and meaningful contemporary christian praise music at our monthly Prayer & Praise Service, Sunday, April 13, 2003 at 6:00 pm at Palos Park Presbyterian Church, 12312 S. 88th Avenue, Palos Park. Child care is provided for Pre-Kindergarten and younger

Oak Lawn church holds

On Sunday, April 13, 2003 the Oak Lawn Community Church will have a contemporary Church Service at 1:00 pm at 9000 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawen, IL.

This service is open to all Christians or those interested in information about Christian faith. There will be live music for praise and worship, led by Rev. Linda DuPuy and New Creations Band. An offering will be taken.

For more information please call Linda at (708) 425-6957 or the church at (708) 599-4025. Oak Lawn Community church is a Presbyterian church, recognizing all denominations within the Christian faith. They have a food pantry, hold bible studies, support several missions and are intercessors in prayer.

The Chancel Choir sings at the United

The Chancel Choir of the United Methodist Church of Worth will present its Easter Cantata, "Were You There?", on Sunday, April 13. The Cantata will be preformed at 8:50 and 10:20 worship services. You are invited, once again, to relive Christ's passion in scripture and song. The Church is located at 7100 West 112th Street in Worth.

Book Ball announced

The Oak Lawn community Library Foundation invites area businesses and private citizens to participate in their seventh annual "Stay home and read a book Ball" fundraiser, scheduled to climax during National Library Week, April 6-12, 2003. This year, all donations will be applied toward the library's current building expansion and renovation project. The "Stay home and read a book Ball" is a special "nonevent" fund-raiser that requires minimum effort from participants. There is no need to get dr-essed up, drive across town and stay out too late. Instead, donors simply make a tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation

Oak Lawn Public Library. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer board of community members

For additional information or to receive a formal invitation to participate in this event, call Linda Olsen, relations officer, 708-422-4990, or stop by the library's community Information center, located in their lob-by.

"Spring Fling"

Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt Avenue, (2 blocks west of Cicero) in Oak Lawn will have their annual "Spring Fling" on Sunday, April 6 from 9:30 am. to 12:00 noon. The crafters from Trinity have been busy creating wood and sewing projects to sell along with other goodies. You are invited to come and browse and do a little shopping.

First United Methodist church announces events

Lenten season

Continuing the Lenten theme of "Celebrate Our Heritage", on April 2, members of the church will relate early church activities in Evergreen Park church. The 110th Anniversary of First United Methodist church of Evergreen Park, the first church in Evergreen Park, will be celebrated on Sunday, Oct. 19, 2003.

Preceding the 7:00 pm Lenten programs will be a pot luck supper at 6:00 pm. Participants bring a food item to share.

During the Lenten season the Sanctuary is open each Wednesday at 5:30 pm for a period of prayers for peace and guidance followed by the offering of the Holy Communion by Pastor Char Hoffmann. The Lenten programs are open to all people. Call the church (708)422-8451 for further information or visit the church's website at http: www.gbgm.umc.org/fumcep for information about other church activities.

Mission Work in Mexico

The women of the First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park invite attendance to their April 3rd meeting at 7:30 pm to hear a mother-daughter team presentation on mission work in Mexico. Janet Gantzert from Morris IL., who has been a volunteer in mission in Mexico, will team with her daughter, Marilyn Steenwyk of Evergreen Park, for the presentation. The United Methodist women will conduct a short business meeting led by President Helen Nevill, Oak Lawn, at 7:00 pm with Lois Morris, Oak Lawn leading devotions. The Esther circle will host refreshments following the program. Call the church 708-422-8451 or visit the church's website at http:// www.gbgm-umc.org fumcep for information about church activities. All activities are open to the public.

Choir is preparing

The Sanctuary Choir from the United Methodist CTurch of Evergreen Park, 94th St. & Homan Ave., is preparing the Easter Cantata, "Praise The Risen Lord" for presentation on Palm Sunday, April 13 at 10:15 am. The cantata is a combination of old and new Easter music presented in a creative style. Singers are invited to participate. Call the music director, Amy Kazin, at the church 708-422-8451 for information.

On Sunday, April 5, a concert of religious music through the ages will be presented by a community choir directed by Lee VanSickle. Lee, a member of the Evergreen Park Church, has organized the choir concert as a senior project for the music department of St. Xavior University.

Library holds Jewel-Osco Campaign

Show your support for the Oak Lawn Library by participating in a "Shop & Share" fundraiser Monday through Wednesday, April 7, 8 and 9 at Jewel - Osco stores. It's simple! Shop at any Jewel - Osco store on one of those three dates and present a Shop & Share

Identification Slip to your cashier. Five percent of your total purchase, excluding tax, will be donated by Jewel Osco to the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation. Shop & Share slips are available in the library's lobby. For more information call 708-422-4990.

News from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Goose Lake State Park

Goose Prairie State Park Visitors Center auditorium and display area is closed to the public and school groups for slide shows and talks until early fall 2003. The display area is being renovated and new displays being built. The auditorium is also being renovated with a new seating arrangement nad AV system. School groups are welcome to use the restrooms, selfguided trail, and the Naturalist's services will be available.

Spring trout fishing

The 2003 Illinois spring trout fishing season is scheduled to open at 5 am on Saturday, April 5. Anglers are prohibited from taking trout from any of the stocked sites from March 15 antil opening. More than 40 sites are expected to partitipate this year. A final list of participating sites is expected soon. Please look for future annonncements.

Turkey hunting

Individuals with youth spring wild turkey hunting permits who wish to hunt at an Illinois Department of Natural Resources site in the county for which the permit was issued should contact that site. Not all Department sites will be open for the youth hunting program. Sites that are open will have a limited number of spots available.

Archery hunters

A limited number of nonresident archery hunters will be permitted to hunt white-tailed deer at Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish & wild-life Area, Siloam Springs State Park and Sangchris Lake State Park, this fall. Hunter quo-tas will be set for the fol-lowing periods:

1st Season: Oct.24th -Oct. 30th, 2003

2nd Season: Oct.31st - Nov. 6th, 2003

3rd Season: Nov. 7th - Nov. 13th, 2003

4th Season: Nov. 14th -Nov. 20th, 2003. All archery deer season dates that occur before and after these control dates will be open and unlimited.

Outdoor Hall of Fame Banquet

Illinois outdoor hall of fame banquet, honoring three individuals, two companies and a conservation organization for their commitment to protecting and enhancing Illinois' natural wonders, resulted in net financial proceeds to the Illinois Conservation Foundation of approximately $70,000. More than 550 people attended the event at the Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. The new members of the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame are businessman and conservationist Henry Barkhausen of Lake Forest, who served as director of the Illinois Conservation Department from 1970-1973: Bill Cullerton of Oak Brook, a businessman, avid sportsmnn aad former loagtime host of WGN Radio's Great Outdoors show: and former Illinois Governor Jim Edgar of Mahomet, who advocated open space acquisition, trails and greenways, ecosystem protection, river restoration and other resources and environmental enhancement efforts, while serving a governor from 1991-1999. Others honored included Commonwealth Edison, the Illinois State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, and the Remington Arms Company, Inc. The Illinois Conserva-tion Foundation, an IRS 501 (c)(3) not for-profit corporation, has raised more than 416 million to support the programs of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. For more information, contact Executive Director John Schmitt, Illinois Conservation Foundation, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Il 62701-1787, phone 312/814-7237, or check the ICF web site at http://www.ilcf.org.

Wandering among the Woodland Wildflowers

Saturdays - April 5, 12, 19 and 26, May 3. 10 am - noon.

Wildflower walks are one of Giant City's most popular draws. Join the site interpreter for a rugged two hour discovery tour on a woodland trail. Most hikes are held on Trillium trail, best known for its wild-flower diversity. Some weekends we'll discover up to 30 bloomers. A park wildflower checklist ar-ranged by month of bloom will be provided. Plenty of time is allowed for photography. Repeat visitors are welcome as new flowers bloom each week. These are rugged two mile hikes.

Project Wild/Project Wild Aquatic

Free teacher workshop to be held at Volo Bog State Natural Area, Saturday, April 5, 9 am - 4:00 pm. The workshops are for teachers of grades K - 12. Naturalist Stacy Iwanicki, who is the workshop facilitator, asks participants to bring a sack lunch and to dress for a day of both indoor and outdoor activities. Reservations are reqnired (phone 815/344-1294): Ameritech relay = 1-800 8526-0844.

Purple Loosestrife Control

Property owners and commnnity representatives interested in controlling purple loosestrife are encouraged to attend a program at Volo Bog State Natural Area, Ingleside on Sat., April 12 from 12:30 - 3 pm. Illinois Natural History Survey scientists will share the history of the invasive alien plant that has invaded Illinois' wetlands, threatening the biodiversity of some of our most valnable habitats. The presentation will cover the various efforts to control loosestrife, focusing especially on the biological control efforts that began in the 1990s.The program utilizes two species of beetles that come from the same parts of Eurasia where purple loosestrife originated. Extensive research indicates that these little herbivores will only feed on purple loosestrife. Participants will be given materials to get started in "at home" beetle rearing. Beetles will be mailed later for either rearing and/or immediate release onto participant's property. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 815 / 344-1294.

Volo Bog looking for volunteer

Volo Bog state Natural Area, Ingleside, is looking for a volunteer adult to process new books for the site' reference library. The candidate must be detail oriented, able to use a word processing program, and be available about four hours per month. Training and guidance will be provided. Volo Bog State Natural Area's reference Library is open to the public during regular visitor hours of Wednesday- Sunday from 9 am - 3 pm. More than 1,000 books and conntless articles are available for visitor reference. As a reference resource, the items are not available for check out to the public hut rather for enjoyment while visiting the site. Interested candidates should contact Site Naturalist Stacy Iwanicki at 815/ 344-1294 for further information.

Old Settler days

Red Hills State Park is planning Old Settler days again. The event is scheduled for Sat., April 26 and Sun., April 27 with activities beginning at 10am both days. Please save the date.

Kickapoo Paddle Festival

Plan on attending "Kickapoo Paddle Fest-ival, a celebration of the Middle Fork River" on Saturday, May 17, 2003 (9am-6pm)& Sunday May 18 (9am-4pm). The outdoor, family orientated festival will promote recreational paddling sports in Illinois and spotlight Illinois' only National Scenic River, the Middle Fork of the Vermillion River. Those attending the festival will see, visit, or participate in the following: Information kiosks of area canoe clubs and conservation organizations Cnnoe and kaynk manufacturer demonstrations each day. Featured speakers discussing the area's rivers and other natural resources, river ecosystems and recreational opportunities. Paddling in a replica voyager canoe with reenactors from the French furtrading era. Cnnoe nad kayak clinics each day to introduce participants to the sport of paddling, "children's corner, walking nature tours, Folk Artist singer Chris Vallillo and other singers be playing both days. A kayak and other paddling sports merchandise will be raffled off at the end of each day. Great food prepared by Kickapoo Landing.For more information, contact the site at 217/359-2746.

Project wild/ aquatic/learning tree/ wet workshops

This programs are being offered throughout Illinois in the coming months. Certificate renewal credits are available to participating teachers. To learn more about these programs, visit the IDNR Internet site at http://dnr. state.il.us/ lands/education/classrm/ wild/intro.htm or contact Randy Wiseman at rwiseman @darmail. state.i.us or 217/524-4126. The following free workshops have recently been schednled; April 5, Project Wild and Project Wild Aquatic, Volo Bog State Natural Area, Ingleside, 9:00am - 4:00pm. Contact Stacy Iwanicki at 815/344-1294 for additional Information or to register.

Environmental Excellence

The awards honor Illinois companies and organizations that demonstrate a commitment to environmental excellence through pollution prevention. An applicant must describe the program or technology, outline the waste volume or toxicity reduction, detail the energy efficiency, and demonstrate the economie and environmental benefits. Governor' pollution prevention awards are presented in both first time award and continuous improvement award categories. Applicants may also seek the innovate Illinois technology award for the best new pollution prevention technology or proeess that leads to significant increases in waste reduction or elimination.

Any Illinois public or private organization is eligible to receive an award. Applications are due May 19. The awards will be pre-sented in Springfield on Oct.14. For more infor-mation, or to request an ap-plication, call Jini Cook at the WMRC at 217/244-6553 or visit the center's web site at http:// www.wmrc.uiuc.edu.

Waste management and research center

This center has presented Governor's pollution prevention awards since 1987. The WMRC is headquartered in Champaign with offices in Oakbrook, Peoria aad Brighton. Calumet Family Saturdays are scheduled for April 5 and May 3. April 5 is a tour of Eggers Woods at 10 am, while May 3 is an outing searching for Lake Calumet area wetland birds, begining at 8 am. Call 312/ 744-5959 for more information and to register. The events are brought to you by the Calumet Steward-ship Initiative which includes the Field Museum of Natural History, the Chicago Department of Environment, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Chicago Park District. For the most recent information on chronic wasting disease from the Illinois Department of Nat-ural Resources visit our web site at: http:// dnr.state.il.us/pubaffairs/ 2002/CDW.htm. Applications are being accepted through April 15 for small project programs of the Wildlife Preservation Fund, administered through the IDNR Office of Resource Conservation's Division of Resonrce Protection & Stewardship. This program is funded through a voluntary checkoff designation to the Wildlife Preservation Fund on the State Income Tax Form. Small project program proposals may address any types of projects including management, site inventories or education. Examples of past include wildlife habitat improvement, species enhancement, education and research projects throughout the state, focusing on species ranging from birds to turtles, and habitat raagiag from forests to prairies. Individual proposals are eligible for ap to $1,000 from the Wildlife Preservation Fund. The grants would be effective July 1, 2003-June 30, 2004. The Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund small project program packet for 2004 includes a program explanation, instructions for completing the application form and an application form. The packet is available by request by calling 217/785-8774 or by e-mail at SocialFunds@dnrmail. state.il.us. You will need to provide the following information: name, affiliation, address and phone number.

Spring checklist released for homeowners

Spring is an excellent time to make a thorough inspection of your home. Winter weather causes deterioration or failure in building materials and joint sealants. "Since Spring is the traditional clean up time, you are us-ually more inclined to give your home a good phy-sical," says Richard Hofeld, director of HouseMaster. (HouseMaster is a nati-onal home inspection ser-vice, having over 200 lo-cations in the United States and Canada, offer-ing complete structural, roofing and systems in-spections for prospective buyers). The following Spring Preventive Main-tenance guide and check-list will serve as a general guide for all homes, in-cluding any additional items which may be par-ticular to your home.

Exterior ground

Driveways - patch cracks/ fill holes/seal, Walks - check levelness/cracking. Window wells - clean out dry wells/storm drains - check for flow clogs, Trees/ shrubs - prune/trim away from roof area and siding. Grass -sod/seed bare spots. Woodfence/retaining, Walls - check for decay/Supports/ leaning/cracks.

Foundation

Adjacent soil - grade to direct rainwater away from house/fill in low spots, add topsoil, insect infestation - look for insect activity (mud tubes, nests, damage). Settling and cracks - seal to keep water/insects out.

Siding

Wood - check for deterioration/discoloring, Metal, vinyl - power clean to avoid caking, Joints - recaulk all loose/missing joints. Soil contact - keep 6" minimum clearance. Brick/Stone / Stucco - check for deterioration/cracks/missing mortar - repair/tuckpoint.

Windowsand doors

Glass - replace broken panes/check putty. Wood - check for rot/deterioration repair/paint or vanish/ screens - clean and install, Remove/store storm window/door inserts, Weather stripping - refit/replace if needed.

Roof

Chimney exterior - replace loose mortar/check chimney cap, check flashings. Shingles, Shakes - reposition/replace damaged/ missing/loose elements. Treat wood roofs and siding with a preservative if needed. Remove any branches/ leaves, trim back trees adjacent to roof, Flashings - check all for watertightness. Gutters, down-spouts - clean out and seal seams/ check for sags or missing supports add splashblocks or pipe water away at downspout discharge. Soffits - check for moisture build - up/add soffit vents if needed/repaint.

Plumbing

Exterior taps - close and charge water lines. Check for leakage when water is turned on. Sump pump discharge line keep clear and open/pipe away from house to avoid recirculating sump water. Sprinklers - clear heads/ check operation. Well and components / check operation, Septic Field - check for run - off/ ponding/odors.

Electrical

Service entrance cable - check for obstructing branches, sags and fray-ing.

Pool

Prepare for summer season/follow recommended procedures, Equipment - service as recommended.

Interior General

Walls, Ceilings - trace leaks/repair/refinish. Floors - repair, refinish warping/settling damage. Stairs - check for loose/ missing hand rails. Windows - repair de-fective mechanisms/replace broken panes. Radon - check levels in lower level. Attic Ventilation - be certain proper air flow is maintained during summer months. Check ventilation openings for nests, block-age. Screen all possible entry points. Rafters, sheeting / check for leakage, sags, mildew Insulation - bring up to recommended levels(R30) keep off ventilation areas. Electric - cover open or missing junction boxes. Basement/Crawl space wall cracks/leaking/condensation - correct. Check exterior grade - seal cracks consider dehumidifier. Floor joints - check for leakage (from above) and sags. Window frames/sills - check for rot and moisture Crawl Space - check vent openings for blockage. Insulation, vapor barriers/ screen.Sump Pump - test, clean pit as necessary.

Systems Heating Cooling Servicing

Have cooling system serviced by a local reputable heating contractor (as soon as seasonal temperature are above 60 degrees). Filters - clean or replace all air filters monthly. Water Heater - (newer models) drain water and sediment off monthly. Humidifier - turn off and clean. Electronic air cleaner - remove element/ clean replace monthly. Room air conditioner - install and inspect window units. Dehumidifier - test and start. Attic fan - check and lubricate (where necessary). Flue pipe - check for corrosion/leaks.

Plumbing

Faucets, drains, traps, piping /check for leaks, Shower ,tubs - replace loose or missing tile/main-tain grout/seal, Washing machine drain - install lint trap.

Electrical

Outlets - add GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupters) to all bathroom, kitchen and outside outlets. Test these in use kitchen/bathroom vent fans - change filter/clean, check- vent should exhaust to exterior not into attic.

Home Security

Smoke alarms - install one on each level of home/test. Carbon Monoxide detector install in a bedroom/test. Fire extinguishers - install at kitchen/workshop area- check charges. Door locks check/install patio door locks. Exterior lightning - check/clean.

Readers who would like "Foundation Settlement and Mold, Mildew and Bacteria," home owner information guides can obtain this by sending a 37 cent stamped, self addressed envelope to: House Master Home Inspection Service, P.O. Box 1028, Homewood, IL 60430

Discussion Groups held

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., on their lower level Conference room.

Short story discussions are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 1 pm. They will meet April 9 to discuss "The Story of Mats Israelson" by Julian Barnes and May 14 for "The Volunteer" by Wallace Stegner. Copies of these short stories may be picked up one month in advance at the Fiction Desk. Book discussions are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1 pm. They will meet April 23 to discuss "Empire Falls" by Richard Russo and May 28 for "Crossing to Safety" by Wallace Stegner.

Copies of these books may be checked out one month in advance at the Circulation Desk.

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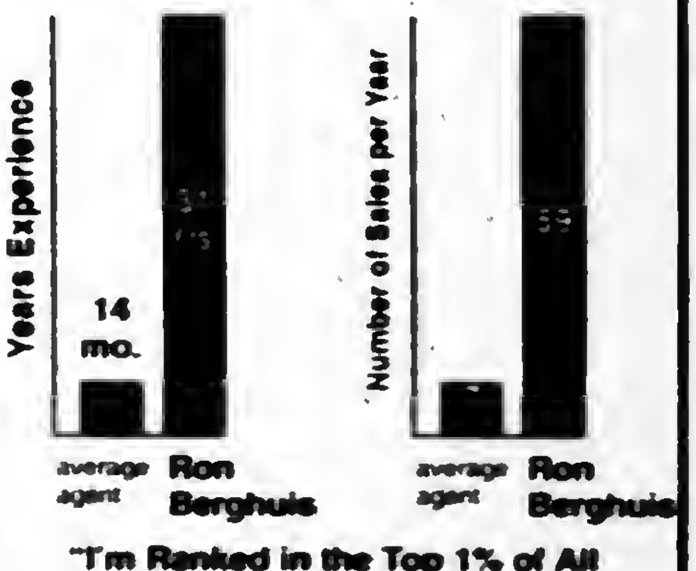

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Edy's Grand Ice Cream is celebrating its 75th birthday by challenging kids toinvent newice cream flavors that show off th unique appeal of thir home states. Beginning March 17, young ice cream experts can put their state knowledge to the test by entering Edy's "A Scoop Of The USA." flavor contest and dreaming up flavors that pay tribute to the heritage and distinctive qualities of their home states. Fifteen pint sized finalists form across the United States willbe invited to a "Taste off" at the Edy's ice cream factory where they will create their one of a kind flavors for a panel of judges. Edy's will select one winning flavor and will produce a limited run of this coll ice cream creation.

"Edy's wa founded in 1928 and a year later our founders, William Dreyer and Josephy Edy, invented the first batch of Rocky Road. In honor of our company's 75th birthday, we are inviting some of our biggest ice cream fans to show off their own flavor creations," said John Harrison, Edy's official ice cream taster. "Edy's is delighted to offer kids a chance to explain why their home states are "the cream of the crop" and should be included ina scoop of ice cream history."

"A Scoop Of The USA." is an opportunity for kids to uncover fun facts about their state (landmarks, local heroes, state animals and more) while tapping into their universal love of ice cream. A young Californian might deam of California CheeseQuake - cheesecake ice cream with fault line of strawberry swirls, almond slivers and fragments of chocolate, while a boy from Florida might crave Alligator Crunch - green fudge, filled alligators and bites of brownie "rocks" swimming in a swamp of vanilla ice cream and caramel swirls.

Kids can enter Edy's "A Scoop Of The USA." flavor contest by submitting: 1) an original Ice cream flavor name that shows off (represents) their state in name and taste; 2) a creative and meaningful description of the flavor (ingredients should include products and/or themes that are relevant to the child's home state); 3) a paragraph (250 words or less) explaining, "Why this flavor represents my state in the coolest way." Children must be resident of the United States and between the ages of 8-14 to be eligible. Submissions may be sent to: A Scoop Of The USA., Edy's Grand Ice Cream, 5929 College Avenue, Oaklawn, CA 94618. All entries must be postmarked by September 19, 2003.. Complete contest rules are available at www.Edys.com or by calling (888) 590-3397.

A panel of Edy's judges will select the best entry form each of the 50 states (and one from the district of Columbia) based on the creativity, originality and meaningfulness of the flavor name and ingredients. The 51 semi-finalists will be notified on or about October 15, 2003 and awarded a year's supply of Edy's ice cream (26 ice cream certificates per semifinalist). Of these 51 semifinalists, the top 15 will also win a U.S. Savings Bond and an all expense paid trip to Edy's ice cream factory to participate in a state flavor "taste off".

Edy's will select one grand prize winner based on both the taste off results and the appeal of the child's flavor description and paragraph. In addition to winning a U.S Saving Bond and a year's supply of ice cream, Edy's will make a batch of the winning ice cream for the grand prize winners family and friends.

- Plan for medical emergencies by preparing a traveler's medicine kit and checking if your health insurance covers medical emergencies abroad.

Oak Lawn Community Church holds annual Easter breakfast

The Oak Lawn Community Church, Presbyterian, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave. Oak Lawn, will hold their annual Easter breakfast/egg hunt/ bake sale on Saturday, April 12, 2003 form 9 - 11 am.

Come and have breakfast, see the Easter Bunny, watch the kids hunt for Easter Eggs and buy goodies for Easter dessert. On the menu is eggs, sausages, pancakes, juice, toast, etc., all for a "Free will offering". Bring your family and friends.

For more information you may call 708-599-4025

Registration forms for Youth Golf Event Available

Registration forms for the second annual Country Youth Classic are now available at the tournament's website, www.countryyouthclassic.com.

The Country Youth Classic, a youth golf event for golfers age 3-22, is expected to draw golfers form throughout the United States. More than 550 participants form 15 states participated in the 2002 inaugural event, making it the fourth largest junior golf tournament in the United States, according to the National Junior Golf Scoreboard.

Entries for the event will be accepted on a first received basis through June 18. Entry fees range from $5 to $110, depending on the division for which the golfer is eligible. Recognized by the national junior Golf Scoreboard and Golf week; the event features:

1 day of practice, including, long drive, closest to the pin and longest putt contests

2 days of golf competition

16 divisions with a total of 700-800 youth expected from throughout the country

New this year is the addition of flights in each age division. Golfers will be placed into flights of about 16 competitors after the first day of competition, with trophies awarded in each flight. Visit the tournament website (www.countryyouthclassic.com)

Country Insurance & Financial Services is the title sponsor of the Tournament.

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Dr John Donahue and Lester Catlin

Moraine Valley Honors Blue Island man as 2003 Pacesetter

Moraine Valley Community College has named Blue Island resident Lester Catlin as its 2003 Pacesetter Award winner. The award recognizes the accomplishments of an alumnus who has graduated within the past five years and has demostrated the value of a community college education.

Catlin fulfilled a life long dream by enrolling in college classes at Moraine Valley in the fall of 1996. At the age of 79, he earned his Associate in Arts degree form the college, graduating cum laude, and was recognized as that year's oldest graduate by the college's president during 1999 commencement ceremony.

While a student at Moraine Valley, Catlin Volunteered as a student ambassador and was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. In addition, he also garnered several awards, including winning the college's student assay contest in 1998 and earning a Student Government Association Book Scholarship and an Adult Center Scholarship 1999.

Catlin went on to receive his Bachelor of Arts degree in general studies form Governors State University in August 2001, and at the age of 82, he is currently pursuing a Master of Arts degree in English Literature form Governors State.

Catlin graduated from Lake View High School, Chicago, in 1939, and shortly thereafter, enlisted in the Illinois Army National Guard. Though eligible to attend college on the G.I. Bill after being released from active duty in 1946, family considerations took priority and he joined the work force. Catlin owned and operated Delta Electronics, an electronics parts and equipment store in Blue Island, form 1954 until his retirement in 1986.

Catlin was also very involved in his community over the years. He was a member of the Blue Island Civil Defense, acting as the communications officer, and later, director, and he continues to be a life long member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Catlin has also served as president of the Blue Island Chamber of Commerce, president of Blue Island Lions Club, a member of the Board of directors of the Blue Island Way, President of the Blue Island Evangelical Community Church, and a member of a local Toastmaster club.

In his retirement, Catlin has volunteered to read for recording for the Blind in Orland Park, and currently volunteers for Metropolitan Family Service Southwest. He also continues to write a column for the Blue Island Sun newspaper. In addition, Catlin taught part time in his retirement, passing his electronics knowledge on to students at Sauk Area Career Center in Crestwood, Prairie State college in Chicago Heights and Moraine Valley. For more information, call Marianne Naughton, Public relations specialist, at (708) 974-5281 or e-mail her a naughton@morainevalley.edu. More information about Moraine Valley is available on the college's website, www.morainevalley.com

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Willowbrook Ballroom Dancing

7:30-10:30 pm., Monday, Apr. 7 - Country and Western Dance. Admission is $6 lessons take place from 7:30-9:30 pm., C&W dancing continues form 9:30-10:30 pm. Willowbrook Ballroom also offers a $55 C&W monthly pass. Jean and boots are welcome.

7:30-10:30 pm., Tuesday, Apr. 8 - Country and Western Dance. Admission is $6 lessons take place from 7:30-9:30 pm., C&W dancing continues form 9:30-10:30 pm. Willowbrook Ballroom also offers a $55 C&W monthly pass. Jean and boots are welcome.

7:30-11 pm., Wednesday, Apr. 9 - Salsa Night. Admission is $7. Beginners salsa lessons are from 7:30-8 pm. Intermediate Advances lessons are from 8:15-8:45 pm. Open dancing continues from 8:45-11 pm. No jean or gym shoes please.

7:30-midnight, Friday, Apr. 11 - Singles Dance. Admission is $7. On average, 500-600 singles attend this night of dancing and socializing. Willowbrook's own DJ spins the latest hits. Dancers are encouraged to wear proper attire. No jeans or gym shoes please.

2-5:30 pm., Sunday, Apr. 13 - Sunday afternoon Ballroom Dancing. Admission is $12. Steve Anthony will provide live ballroom tunes. Proper attire is required. No jeans or gym shoes please.

7:30-11:30 pm., Sunday, Apr. 13 - Sunday Night Swing Dance. Admission is $10. Swing lessons are from 7:30-8:30 pm. Open dancing follows from 8:30-11:30 pm. Dancers are encouraged to attend in vintage attire. No jeans or gym shoes please.

Located at 8900 S. Archer Ave. in Willow Springs, Willowbrook Ballroom offers a 6,000 square foot dance floor and four eight-foot video screen. Singles and couples of all ages are invited. For more information, call (708) 839-1000, or visit www.willowbrookballroom.com

Pictured L to R

Mayor Kolb, Steve Loulousis, Darlene Blanz, Cathy Capican, Congressman William Lipinski, Trustee Jerry Hurckes

Oak Lawn Library Displays for April 2003

Exhibits from St. Catherine School in Oak Lawn and Southwest Cook County Chapter of the Autism Society of Illinois will be on display at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., throughout April.

Children's Museum receives grant

On March 14th, 2003, Congressman William Lipinski visited the future site of Oak Lawn children's Museum. Congressman Lipinski delivered a check for $90,000 to help open the museum.

"It is a pleasure to deliver $90,000 toward this wonderful project. The Children's Museum will be a tremendous asset here in Oak Lawn", said Congressman Lipinski.

Park Board President, Steve Loulousis, along with Mayor Ernie Kolb, Trustee Jerry Hurckes and Cathy Capican of the Children's Museum board were on hand to accept the grant.

"This is another step towards making the Children's Museum a reality. I am really looking forward to the grand opening later this year", said Mayor Kolb.

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Ken Borchik of Oak Lawn serves on Constellation

Oak Lawn's Ken Borchik is serving his country on board the aircraft carrier USS Constellation (CV 64), which departed on a regularly scheduled deployment Nov. 2, 2002.

Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Borchik, the 39-year-old son of Mary Borchik of Oak Lawn, is an avionics technician aboard "America's flagship," as the Constellation is known.

"I supervise 450 Navy and Marine personnel in the aircraft maintenance department," Borchik said.

Constellation and its battle group departed from San Diego on a six month Western Pacific deployment. This is Constellation's final deployment before its planned decommissioning in September 2003. Borchik finds being on board Constellation very rewarding.

"The most rewarding aspect is being able to help the troops grow into professionals while maturing as responsible citizens of our community," said Borchik, a 21-year Navy veteran.

Borchik feels that it is important for the navy to have carrier battle groups like Constellation forward deployed.

"It is important to deploy carrier battle groups to project sea power," Borchik said.

This may be Constellation's last deployment, but for sailors like Borchik, their service to their country is what keeps the U.S. navy strong.

Sheriff congratulates new officer

L to R
Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan, Officer Brian McNamara

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan congratulates Police Officer Brian McNamara on his recent graduation from Cook County Sheriff's Police Academy. McNamara, a resident of Oak Lawn, has been with the Sheriff's Office since 1998 and previously worked in the Cook County Department of Court Services.

Library bus tour to Robie House

Don't miss your chance to see Chicago's architectural highlights on a 30-mile bus tour through many historic districts Wednesday, April 9 with Friends of the Oak Lawn Library. Several stops will be made along the way, including Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House, and a box of lunch will be provided on board. The motorcoach departs at 10:00 am and returns at 3 pm. The cost is $36 for Friends members and $41 for nonmembers. To purchase tickets, call 708-

"Read To Achieve" book drive hosted by Chicago Bulls and Fifth Third Bank

The Bulls and Fifth Third Bank will host a first ever Book Drive as part of their ongoing Read To Achieve program prior to the team's home game on Friday, April 11. Fans attending the game versus the New jersey nets are encouraged to drop off their donations of new or gently used books at the United Center admission gates. The gates will open at 6 pm. and donations will be accepted until the games 7:30 pm. tip-off. Each individual participation in the drive at the United Center will receive a raffle ticket with the chance to win 2002-03 team autographed Bulls basketball. The winner will be announced during the game.

Fans unable to attend the Bulls game on April 11 may still contribute to the effort by dropping off their donations to select schools in the Chicago Prep Conference on or before April 8th. The items will be collected by the Bulls and delivered to the United Center for inclusion in the Drive.

This Drive will take place on Friday, April 11, 2002 from 6 pm. at the United Center Admission Gates 1901 W. Madison Street, Chicago IL.

Fans not attending the game on April 11 may drop off items at any of the following Chicago Prep conference high schools on or before April 8th.

Cristo Rey, Holy Trinity, North Lawndale, Northridge (Niles), Quigley and St. Gregory.

Chicago Neighborhood Tours

Discover Chicago's culturally rich heritage with one of the city's most unique tour programs, Chicago Neighborhood Tours. A division of the Chicago Office of Tourism, Chicago Neighborhood Tours offers four diverse tours throughout the month of April that highlight the city's varied history.

Tours depart on Saturday via motor coach from the Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph Street at Michigan Avenue. Refreshments, or lunch where noted, are included in each tour. Please call 312-742-1990 for reservations.

Saturday, April 5 - Great Neighborhoods of South Shore.

Discover the cultural, historical, and architectural treasures of Chicago's South Shore neighborhoods, nestled in Parkland at the south end of Lake Shore Drive and home to one of the largest African-American arts communities in the nation. Visit the palatial South Shore cultural Center, and continue on to the jewel encrusted New Regal Theater, a venerable Chicago artistic landmark. Afterwards, enjoy a performance at the eta Creative Arts Foundation, one of Chicago's leading African-American cultural proforming arts institutions.

The tour departs at 10 am., returning at 2:30 pm. The cost of the tour is $25 for adults and $20 for seniors, students, and children. Refreshment are served on the tour.

Saturday, April 12 - Great Chicago Fire

October 2003 marks the 132nd anniversary of one of Chicago's most infamous disasters, The Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Unravel the mystery of the catastrophe as we journey along the fire's path from start to finish, hearing tales of heroic feats and disastrous blunders. Visit the original site of the O'Leary homestead, the Historic Water Tower landmark, and the Chicago Historical Society's fire exhibit.

The tour departs at 10 am., returning at 2 pm. The cost of the tour is $50 for adults and $45 for seniors, students and children. This tour includes lunch.

Saturday, April 19 - Little Italy & Historic West Side

Explore Chicago's near West Side with its various ethnic roots and historic park and boulevard system. Drive through beautiful Garfield Park and visit the glistening Garfield Park conservatory, the nation's largest conservatory and a cultural anchor to its surrounding communities. Afterwards, take a walking tour of Little Italy, home to a variety of multi-ethnic businesses and generations of Italian families. Later, visit the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum, built in 1856, where Addams and Ellen Gates Starr began their world famous social settlement.

The tour departs at 10 am., returning at 2 pm. The cost of the tour is $25 for adults and $20 for seniors, students and children. Refreshments are served on the tour.

Saturday, April 26 - Pullman Historic District

Discover the far southwest side village of Pullman, built by railroad magnate George Pullman between 1880-85 to house his workers, and learn about the community's impact on labor relations in the United States. Start with a drive down Prairie Avenue, where Pullman built his mansion at the turn of the 20th century. Afterwards, take a guided walking tour of the Pullman Historic Landmark District and learn how local residents are helping to preserve the historic architecture of the site. Later, tour the A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum, Chicago's first African-American labor practices.

The tour departs at 10 am., returning at 2:30 pm. The cost of the tour is $25 for adults and $20 for seniors, students and children. Refreshments are served on the tour.

To receive a full 2003 schedule of tours or to plan a group tour for the 35 people or more, please call 312-742-1190. The schedule is also on view at our website www.chgocitytours.com. Gift certificates are available. The Chicago Office of Tourism, a division of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, presents Chicago Neighborhood Tours.

SummitPark District sells passes for water playground

The Summit Park District is selling passes for the Water Playground which will open on Saturday, May 24th. A daily pass is $3.00 per person. A season pass (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend) fee are as follows: Resident Family of four - $100.00 - $10.00 for each person thereafter. Resident individual - $50.00; Non-resident Family of four - $125.00 - $10.00 for each person thereafter. Non-resident individual $62.50. A child(ren) under the age of ten MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Anyone interested in purchasing a pass may come to the Summit Park District, 5700 South Archer Road between the hours of 7:00 am - 3:00pm. Monday through Friday.

For more information, please call the office at (708) 496-1012.

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas (fourth from left) with St. Patrick"s Day Parade Queen Jaime Dineen and her court (from left), Bridget McLaughlin, Colleen Gannon and Megan Murphy Hickey.

Pappas welcomes Irish Parade Queen

The queen and her court attended Treasurer Pappas' annual St. Patrick"s Day celebration held in her downtown office. Also in picture: Carlene Bech, Jonathan Martin and Maureen O'Looney

Scout holds toy drive

Matt Styrcula, from Boy Scout Troop 618 from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oak Lawn is doing his Eagle service project, which is a toy & video drive, for Hope Child-ren's Hospital in Oak Lawn. These toys & video's will be given to very sick children to help them forget their pain for awhile. With your help he can make a difference in their lives. He will be collecting donations during the month of April. Donations can be put in specially marked drop boxes that will put in the churchs, car dealer-ships and Curves for Women Oak Lawn location. The following locations are drop off centers:

Churches: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 9701 S Brandt Ave., St. Paul Lutheran Church 4660 W 94th St., Pilgrim Faith Church 9411 S 51st Ave., St. Germaine Church 4240 W. 98th St., and First United Methodist Church 100th & Central Ave.

Car Dealerships: Ed Napelton Dodge 5800 W. 95th St. Mon-Thur 9-9. Fri 9-5. Sat 9-6. Webb Chevy Oak Lawn 9440 S. Cicero Ave. Mon-Fri 9-9. Sat 9-6. Mancari's Chrysler Plymouth 4630 W. 95th St. Mon-Fri 9-9. Sat 9-6. Saturn of Oak Lawn 9121 S. Cicero Ave. Mon-Fri 9-9. Sat 9-6. and Hawkinson Ford 6100 W. 95th St. Mon-Fri 9-9. Sat 9-6.

Curves for Women 8841 S. Ridgeland Ave. Mon-Fri 9-12. 3-7:30 Sat 8-10am Curves for Women 4634 W. 103rd St. 9-12. 3-7:30 Sat 8-10am

Any help you can offer is very much appreciated. Please, no stuffed animals! Need-ed: New toddler toys. New rattles for the babies. New video's (up to PG-13) for the older children.

If you have any questions please call Matt Styrcula at (708) 423-2376 or e-mail him at sxc2@earthlink.net

Spring craft show at Hilton Oak Lawn

Over 125 exhibitors will be showing many beautiful spring and handmade items. Admission charge is $2. Children under 10 - free. No strollers are allowed. On Sunday, April 13th from 9 am - 4 pm at 9333 South Cicero Avenue. Oak Lawn. Phone: (708) 425-7800

Whitney's will have a Breakfast Buffet serving 7am - 1:45 pm. Also a Buffet Lunch in the Pool Atrium will be served 12 pm - 3 pm with individually priced items.

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Author visits Library

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation will hold a book signing event with Archibald McKinlay, author of "The Oak Lawn Story," 10 am to noon, Saturday, April 12 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Patrons may purchase books at the signing or bring in previously purchased books. "The Oak Lawn Story" is a limited-edition, hardcover volume about the Village of Oak Lawn and the heritage of its citizens. It features more than 230 fascinating historic photographs and stories collected from the archives of Oak Lawn Public Library. The book costs $33.95, which includes a $10.00 taxdeductible donation to the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation. Check or cash payments only. Copies are now on sale at the library's Re-ception Booth. Books may be shipped at an additional cost of $4.00 each. An order form is available at the library foundation's web site www.li.oaklawn.il.us. lib-fnd.htm.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, at 708-422-4990.

Active Senior Expo held April 2nd

Active Senior Expo, an event "Dedicated to inform, educate and entertain senior citizens", will be held on Wednesday, April 2 at Georgios Banquets, 8800 west 159th Street in Orland Park. Show hours are 9 am -2 pm.

Active Seniors Expo will feature hundreds of products and services designed specially for seniors. Among the offerings will be health care, financial, insurance, legal, estate planning, assisted living, retirement communities, home care, consumer products and government programs. Attendees will enjoy free coffee and Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

The Secretary of State's office will be issuing free photo I.D.s to those over 65 years and disabled. At noon, local favorite Ken Qualter will provide musical entertainment. Door prize drawings will be held throughout the day.

Health screenings will be provided by the National University of Health Sciences. Free to all attendees will be blood pressure testing and chair massages. Combination glucose and cholesterol screenings will be available at a cost of $5. An 8-hour fast is required. The first 130 persons who take the combination screenings will also receive a comprehensive Lipid Panel evaluation at no extra charge ($25 value).

Free seminars will also be available. Following is the Seminar schedule:

9:30 am Effective Management of Lymphedema (Chronic Swelling) presented by Choice Care Home Health and Pro- Rehab Services.

10:30 am 5 ways to protect your nest egg and reduce taxes presented by Asset Protection Associates.

11:30 am Medicare: Now and in the future presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois.

12:30 pm. Avoiding costly mistakes when investing your retirement assets presented by Prudential Financial.

Regular admission to the event is $2, but free admission coupons are widely available, and attendees can obtain a free admission by visiting www.active senior expo.net.

Sponsors of Active Senior Expo are Krispy Kreme doughnuts, Daily Southtown, The Star, Prudential Financial and Comfort Inn.

For further information, contact Silver Star Expositions. Phone:(630) 620-6347. Fax: (630)620-7996 E-Mail: activeseniorexpo @hotmail.com

Back Home

When you get home, be sure to contact your doctor if you have any unexplained symptoms within a couple of weeks or months of your trip.

- **Laugh At Old Age**—Decide you will double the number of "light moments" you experience in a day.
- **Learn To Feel Young**—Stimulate your mind. Take a class on a subject you've always been interested in or learn something completely new. Try auditing a class at a college or participate in an online learning course. The brain is like any other organ in the body—it needs to be used frequently to work its best.
- **Feel Fit**—Exercising may be the single best anti-aging weapon in your arsenal. After talking to your doctor, pick a fun, physical activity and do it three times a week. The activity can range from dancing to jogging, as long as you enjoy it, and it requires you to move around and burn calories.

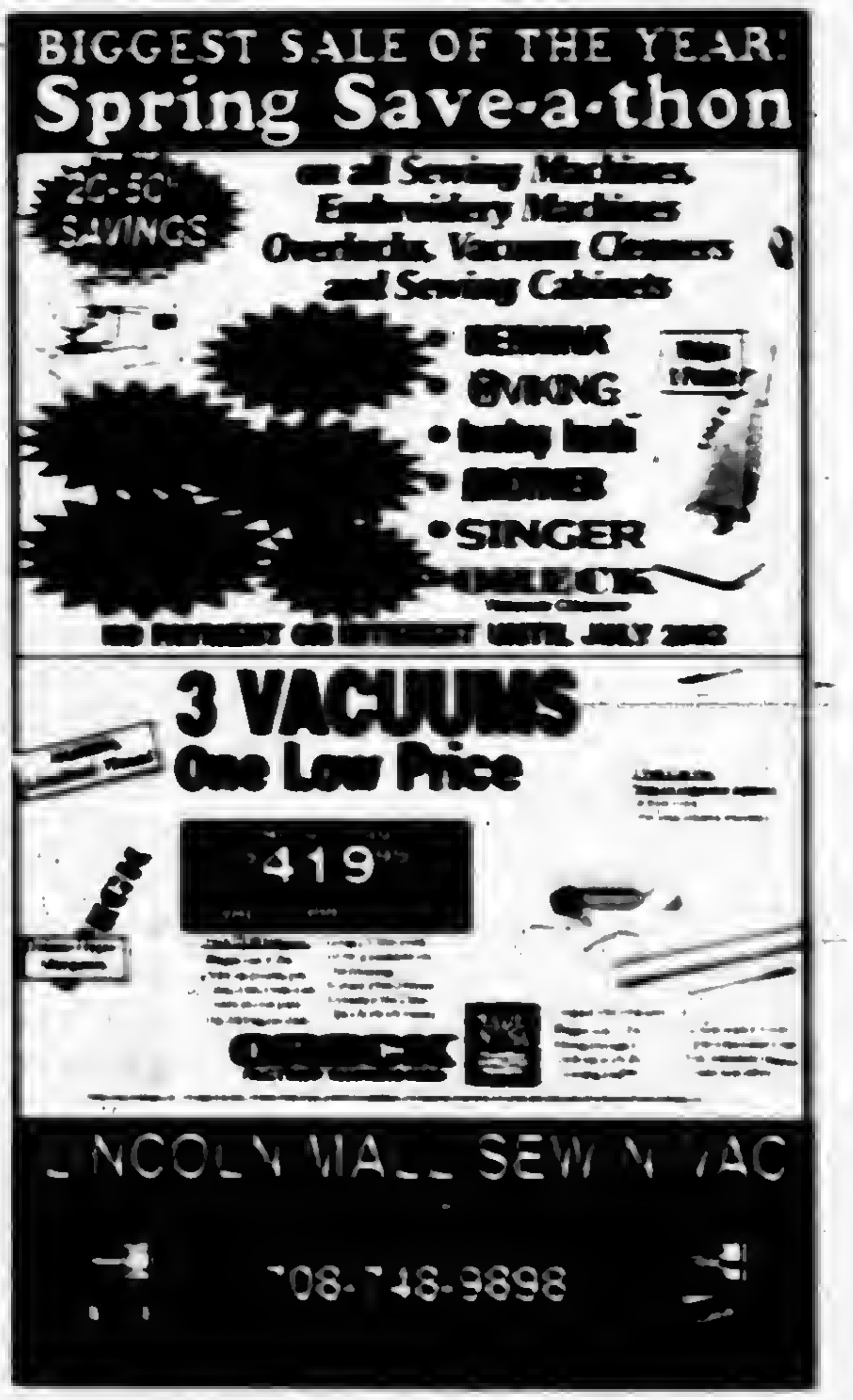
Lewis University presents

Lewis University's Philip Lynch Theatre will present Ken Ludwig's backstage farce "Moon Over Buffalo" for two weekends. Performances are April 4,5,6 and 10,11,12 and 13.

Evening performances begin at 8 pm. Sunday matinees begin at 2:30 pm.

Tickets are $10 for adults and $9 for students and seniors. For reservations, call (815) 836-5500.

The Philip lewis Theatre is located in the Oremus Fine Arts Center on the main campus of Lewis University on Route 53 in Romeoville. "Moon Over Buffalo" is partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council



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Palos Hospital announces April programs

Palos Community Hospital will hold the following support groups and free programs in April. Please include them in your calendar listings. All programs are held at Palos Community Hospital, 12251 S. 80th Avenue, Palos Heights, unless otherwise indicated. For more information, call the Public Department at (708) 923-4742, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Alanon

A support group for individuals affected by another's substance abuse. Meets at 8 p.m. each Tuesday and Friday in Conference Room A. Call (708) 923-5775 for more information.

Families Anonymous

A support group for families affected by substance abuse. Meets at 7:30 p.m. each Monday in Conference Room F. Call (708) 923-5775 for more information.

Outpatient /Cancer Support Group

A free monthly support group for individuals in all phases of cancer treatment and recovery. The next meeting is at 7 p.m. Monday, April 14, in Conference Room A. Call (708) 923-4840 for additional information.

Parents Communicating Hope

A free monthly support group for individuals and couples who have lost a child through mis-carriage or stillbirth in the past six months. The next meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 28, in Conference Room B. Call (708) 923-4840 for additional information.

Car safety Class

With an endless variety of child safety seats available, choosing the appropriate car seat for your baby and installing that seat correctly in a vehicle may be challenging. Taught by a certified child passenger safety technician, participants in Car Seat Safety 101 will learn how to select the proper care seat for a baby and how to correctly install and adjust it. The next class will meet from 6 - 7:30pm Tuesday, April 8, at Palos Community Hospital in Palos Heights. This class is free. To register, call (708) 923-5759, Monday through Friday, 2:30 - 9pm.

Preparation of golf season

Before the 2003 golf season gets into full swing, golfers are invited to attend this free presentation led by PCH physical therapist. Participants will learn about flexibility and strength training exercises and tips to avoid injuries. The program will take place from 7 to 8 pm Tuesday, April 8, at Palos Health & Fitness Center, 15430 West Avenue, Orland Park. Registration is required and space is limited. Call (708) 226-0555 to register.

Prepare sibling for a new baby

With a new baby on the way, big brothers and big sisters need to prepare for the new arrival just like moms and dads. It's important that siblings are involved in the preparations so they don't feel left out. A good start to enroll your child in the Big Brother/Big Sister class at Palos community Hospital in Palos Heights. The 90-minute class emphasizes the special role of big brothers and big sisters, the importance of handwashing, holding and diapering the new baby and family adjustment. The session concludes with a tour of the maternity unit. Upcoming Big Brother/Big Sister classes are available from 4 to 5:30 pm Monday, April 14, or Tuesday, April 29. The class is open to children ages 3 to 10 and an adult must accompany them. Cost is $7.50 per child. To register, call (708) 923-5759, Monday through Friday, 2:30 to 9pm.

Diabetes Support Group

Diabetes requires lifestyle changes that can often seem unfair or too difficult to make. Understanding that there are others who face these same feelings and talking about them is the purpose behind this support group. The next meeting is at 7 p.m. Monday, April 7 in Conference Room E1/E2. For more information, call (708) 923-4840.

Diabetes Education Program

This free selfmanagement class teaches people with diabetes and their family members about the types of diabetes, complications associated with uncontrolled sugar, nutrition, coping skill, diabetes medications and the importance of glucose monitoring. Class meets each Thursday in April from 8:3 11:30 a.m. and Monday, April 21, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call (708) 923-4145 to register.

Nursing Moms Network

This group offers the opportunity for new mothers to share ex-periences with other breastfeeding women and receive ongoing guidance and reassurance from a Palos Community Hos-pital Lactation Consultant. The class meets from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday. For more information, call (708) 923-5758.

Medicare Workshop

Palos Community Hospital's Medicare experts are here to help you get through the paperwork and the confusion. The specially trained staff in the Senior Resource Department will help participants sort out the issues and answer questions at a free Medicare Workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, April 8. Participants will receive a free organizer to help keep Medicare papers in order. The session meets in Con-ference Rooms E1 & E2 at Palos Community Hos-pital. To reserve a seat, call the Senior Resource Department at (708) 923-4785, Monday through Friday.

CPR for Parents and Grand-parents

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommend that anyone caring for a child should be able to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation, if necessary. This three hour American Heart Association CPR class, specially designed for parents and grandparents, teaches proper CPR and choking-assistance techniques to help infants, children or adults in distress. The next class will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, or Tuesday, April 15, at Palos Community Hospital. The cost is $25 per person. To register, call (708) 923-5759, 2:30 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Learn about Allergies

As the season change, some individuals reach for the facial tissues more than others. Learn mor about allergies, how they relate to asthma and hay fever, and when to seek medical attention at this free presentation by a Palos Community Hospital affiliated allergist. The program will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at the Palos Health & Fitness Center located at 15430 West Avenue in Orland Park. Registration is required: call (708) 923-5880.

Childbirth and infant care for expectant parents

"Birth, babies and beyond - childbirth and baby care" is designed for expectant couples who wish to actively participate in the birth of their baby. In these small personalized classes taught by certified childbirth educators, couples learn more about pregnancy, breathing techniques, labor and birth, infant care, medicaton, anesthesia, medical intervention, cesarean birth and postpartum recovery. Weekend classes meet from 8am to 3pm, Saturday and Sunday. The next class will meet April 12 and April 13. The class includes lunch and costs $95. Evening sessions meet from 6:30 to 9:30pm, for five weeks. Classes begin Wednesday, April 9. The cost for weekday classes is $85. To register, call (708) 923-5759, Monday through Friday, 2:30 to 9pm. Palos Community Hospital is located at 12251 S. 80th Avenue in Palos Heights.

Free blood pressure screening

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership offers free Blood Pressure Screenings at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., on the second Wednesday of every month at 1-3 pm. The next scheduled screening date is April 9. The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Advocate Christ Medical Center. Their mission is to main-tain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses, schools and the community. The par-tnership strives to stimu-late citizens to take an act-ive and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy. For additional information, call Peggy Daudell at Advocate Christ Medical Center, at 708-346-3289, or the library, 708-422-4990.

Emil Jones, address

Moraine Valley celebrated Black History Month by hosting a series of events throughout February that were capped off by a visit form keynote speaker Emil Jones, Jr. Illinois Senate president and a member of the Illinois General Assembly since 1973. Senator Jones is a strong advocate for funding public education through entitlements

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Davenport's Piano Bar Cabaret

Chicago artists Matt Davis, David Balsie, Patty Morabito of 3 Girls 3, and Jeanne Croft return to Davenport's in April and May, with the hits "Grapefruit Moon" and "Naked", in a rotating repertory schedule. Conceived by musical director Dan Stetzel, these hits are sure to appeal to fans of Tom Waits, Leonard Cohen, and to fans of classic cabaret.

"Grapefruit Moon", the music of Tom Waits"-The 90 minute performance features a wealth of material spanning through Tom Wiats 26 year song writing career. Waits, a rock and blues legend with razor-sharp wit and lyrical prowess, has a huge fan base, even though some of his songs are best known for being preformed by other musicians.

Show Times: Fridays, April 4 &18 and May 2, 16 & 30 @ 10 PM Cover charge is $20

"Naked, the music of Leonard Cohen"-The 75 minute performance will feature a wealth of material spanning the years of Leonard Cohen's song writing career. Cohen has published nine volumes of poetry, two novels, and has released 14 albums over the last 40 years. With artists as diverse as Judy Collins, Diana Ross, and Neil Diamond recording their own interpretations of his songs, Cohen's music has been kept alive on the airwaves to reach a wide variety of listeners.

Show Times: Fridays, April 11 & 25 and May 9&23 at 10:30 PM Cover Charge is $20

Tammy Meneghini: "This Place Called Love - Songs from the hartland", features Tammy Meneghini, with James Neal Koudelka as musical director. This show includes music and stories about what happens when unexpected love comes true, featuring original music as well as some old favorites. A portion of the proceeds of both shows will go to benefit the American Cancer Society. In addition to the price of admission, audiences are encouraged bring at least one old music CD they no longer listen to, which will be donated to the Strike at Cancer Foundations Healing Music Program. As part of the annual V-Day National Stop the Violence Campaign against women, Meneghini appeared in Nebraska's cast of "Vagina Monologues", and was part of the world premiere stage production of "The Guys" with the Open Theatre in Tucson, AZ, this past summer. She has been seen in numerous Chicago performances. In New York, she was part of the original cast that developed "Quake," a play recently presented at the 2002 Humana Festival. Meneghini most recently appeared at Davenport's in Let the Sunshine In, Songs form the Musical of Galt MacDermont.

Show Times: Saturday, April 5 at 10:30 PM. Sunday, April 6 at 5 PM. Cover Charge is $15

Jeanne Scherkenbach: "Treasures From My Trunk... Finally Found"-Jeanne Scherkenbach makes her Davenport debut. Through the songs of Irving Berli, Victor Herbert, Jerome Kern, George M. Cohan, Harold Arlen and Giacome Puccini, "Treasure ..." give a peak into the many and diverse musical paths Scherbenback has traveled. The show is an archeological dig through the musical artifacts of her life from her first interest in musical theatre, as nourished by her Broadway star brother, Boddy Lee, to her accidental opera career, at the Metropolitan Opera and the Lyric Opera of Chicago, to her Ivoe an affinity for the intimacy of Cabartet. Directed by Ron Chon, with musical direction by Chicago favorite Dan Stetzel. "Treasures..." includes such diverse and marvelous gems as "Let Me Sing and I'm Happy," "If I'm Lucky," and Madame Butterfly's final aria, "Tu Tu Piccolo Iddio," as well as cabaret standards from the Great American Song book.

Show Times: Sunday, April 6 &13 at 7 PM. Sunday April 27 at 6 PM. Cover Charge is $20

Lucia Spina: "Lucia's Mob Hits: a culinary musical experience"-Every Wednesday evening in April, Davenport's Cabaret and Lucia Ristorante will present "Lucia's Mob Hits; a culinary musical experience." Cabaret convention artist, Lucia Spina, accompanied by George Howe, serves up and electric blend of Italian American pop hits as well as pop classics such as "Moondance" and "All That Jazz." Before the show, Lucia Ristorante will prepare a five course meal with choice of entree and complimentary wine. The dinner/show package is $40 per person, plus a two-drink minimum at the show. Gratuities are not included. Dinner is at 6:30 PM. And the show is at 8:30 PM. Reservation are required. Lucia Ristorante is located at 1825 W. North Ave. Call 773-278-1830 to make a reservation.

Show Times: Wednesday, April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 Dinner/Show Package: $40

Tom Michael and Beckie Menzie: "Hey Look Me Over - The Music of Cy Coleman"-Critically acclaimed Chicago cabaret duo Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael return to Davenport's Cabaret Thursday's in April with their brand new show, "Hey Look Me Over" The Music of Cy Coleman. The show celebrates the immense body of work of legendary composer and three-time Tony Award winner Cy Coleman. "Hey Look Me Over" includes songs from many of Coleman's Broadway hits.

Show Times Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 8 PM. Cover Charge is $15.

Sara Davis and Justin Hayford: "Taking a Chance on Love: The Vernon Duke Story"-In celebration of Vernon Duke's 100 birthday, Chicago Favorites, Sara Davis and Justin Hayford return to Davenport's together. Verson Duke may have been born a century ago but his music is timeless. Although not as well known as many of his contemporaries, Duke achieved great success on Broadway in the 1930's and 40's, penning such American classics as "April in Paris," "Autumn in New York," "I Like the Likes of You," and "Taking a Chance on Love." A child prodigy on the piano in his native Russia, Duke and tandem musical careers as a song writer for the American musical theater and a composer of classical music under his given name, Vladimir Dukelsky. His classical training is evident in the sophisticated harmonies and intricate melodies he used in his popular songs. Taking a Chance on Love: The Vernon Duke Story features a number of Duke's best loved songs, as well as numerous forgotten gems like "Nickel to My Name."

Show Times: Saturdays, April 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 8 PM. Cover Charge is $12

Stephen Rader: "Dolly Would"-Chicago favorite Stephen Rader returns to Davenports's with an all new solo show which celebrates the music and lyrics of seven time Grammy Award winner Dolly Parton. "Dolly .... " covers the span of Paton's career, from her Smoke Mountain roots through her motion picture and pop music cross-over hits and back home with her most recent bluegrass albums (I'm Gone, The Grass is Blue). "Dolly Would" feature musical direction by Cynthia Stevens, with Trey Maclin on Guitar, Terri Worman on violin and Jennifer Byers on background vocals. Jeff-nominated actor, Stephen Rader, grew up in East Tennessee, only a few miles away form Dolly Parton's Tennessee Mountain Home. He has preformed by Bailiwich Repertory, Porchlight, Chicago Shakespeare, and with Pegasus Players. His directing credits include Ulysses Theatre Company's The Normal Heart, the 2001 production of Hans Brinker for Theatre Building Chicago and most recently 20, and ensemble driven theatre piece he developed and directed for the Bailiwick's Pride Series.

Show Time Saturday's April, 12, 19 and 26 at 10:30 PM. Cover Charge is $15

Davenport's free entertainment

Davenport's lively Piano Bar offers informal musical entertainment year-round with no cover charge. Live entertainment begins at 7:30 PM. on Monday - Saturdays, and 6:30 PM on Sundays, featuring sing a longs and audience requests.

Every Monday - Sunday join the preforming wait staff as they sing and dance along with the following popular Chicago performers: Saturdays, 10 PM. - 2 AM. The Nitz and Howe Experience. $2 cover, with 2 drink minimum. Daryl Nitz and George Howe host an evening that is part request, past audience participation, and part stand-up comedy. Nitz and Howe offer a "happening" that runs the gamut from pop songs by the Eurythmies and Reba McEntire, to Broadway tunes, standards, jazz and blues. "The Experience" also features Nitz's dead-on impressions of Neil Diamond, Frank Sinatra, Louis Armstrong, Harry Connick, Jr., Billie Holiday, Carol Channing, Eartha Kitt and many more.

Sundays 7 PM. - 12 AM. Sing along with George Howe as he presents a request only evening of Broadway show stoppers from Applause to Zorba.

Mondays 7 PM. - 12 AM. Garth Brooks meets the Beatles as George Howe presents a request filled musical roller coaster of pop, country, jazz, standards, oldies, opera and Broadway.

Wednesdays 7 PM. - 12 AM. Get ready as George returns to celebrate the arrival of the weekend, along with Martini Madness and singing wait staff.

Thursdays 7:30 PM. - 11:30 PM. & Fridays 9:30 PM. - 1:30 AM.

Andrew play it all form show tunes to Sinatra, Smash Mouth to Schoolhouse Rock. For more information, please visit www.blenerful.com.

Fridays 7:30 PM. - 9:30 PM. & Saturdays 8:00 PM. - 10:00 PM

Ease into the evening with Gwen Pippen as she sings and plays all requests.

Since opening in the fall of 1998, Davenport's has attracted crowds and critical acclaim, thanks to its quality lineup of talent, intimate, acoustically-ideal setting, and plenty of street parking. Reservations for all performances are strongly encouraged. A two drink minimum is in effect in the Cabaret. For reservations or more information, please call (773) 278-1830

Cut Flowers at the Noble Fool Theater

March 11, 2003. The Noble Fool Theater Company Chicago Theatre Company (CTC) proudly presents the return of CTC's smash hit play, Cut Flowers, in a limited five week engagement on the mainstage of the Noble Fool theater, 16 W. Randolph April 16 - May 11.

After a successful two-month run in the fall of 2002 at the Chicago Theatre company's South Side Home, the cutting edge comedy, Cut Flowers, will find a new audience at the Noble Fool Theater in the Chicago Loop.

Set in the back room of a Washington, DC flower shop, Cut Flowers uncovers the spirit and soul of the staff, as they travel down a road of self-discovery. These six flawed, but well-intentional, African-American men deliver more than flowers during their frank, funny and moving discussion about life and love.

Of the co-production, Noble Fool Theater Artistic Director Jimmy Binns said, "Our mission is to elevate the art of comedy in all its forms, and Cut Flowers is a great example. This is the kind of work that "Chicago's Comedy Theater" should bring to the Loop Theater District".

CTC founder Douglas Alan-Mann is equally as excited and stated, "With Cut Flowers opening downtown, it will bring a broader visibility to the work we do at Chicago Theatre Company and that just excites us"

This provocative play by Minneapolis-based playwright Gavin Lawrence will be presented with its original director and cast, while the Noble Fool's modern state of the art facility and strong production team provide a new level of presentation. Paul Botts, Noble Fool Managing Director, recently said of the joint venture, "This is a true co-production, with a shared expense budget that our two organizations have jointly assumed responsibility for."

Douglas Alan-Mann directs the seven member cast, which includes Anthony LeMay (Kyle) Ronnel Taylor (Ronnie), Anthony Fleming III (Kevin), Lionel Gentle (Paul), Terrance Watts (Brian), Tory O. Davis (Mark), and Tiffany Addison (Rhonda).

Cut Flowers will be preformed at the Noble Fool Theater April 16- May 11. The performance schedule is: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 8 PM.; Saturdays at 4:30 and 8:30,; and Sundays at 3 PM. Single tickets are priced at $32 for Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday performances and $36 for Friday and Saturdays.

Tickets can be purchased through the Noble Fool Box Office; by calling (312) 726-1156; and at all Ticket master Ticket Centers; or by visiting www.ticketmaster.com.

Teacher participates in flag football

Key West, Florida was the setting for the February 13 to 17, 2003 International Women's Flag Football Championships. De La Salle Institute faculty member, Jessica Andrasko, took part in that contest as an offensive/defensive linewoman for her team.

Chicago Spin Wrecking Crew took 5th place in the championship while only allowing two touchdowns in the entire tournament. "Our team had a terrific showing"," said Andrasko. "Since we only allowed two touchdowns for the entire contest, the other teams had great respect for our defense." Besides going undefeated in the Chicago league, additional kudos for Andrasko's team during the championship games include the bestowal of the Dick Butkus Sportsmanship Award to one of the players and another team member making it to the flag football all-star offensive team.

Andrasko teaches Environmental Science, Biology and Chemistry at De La Salle Institute. She holds a B.S. degree in premedicine and a M.Ed from the University of Toledo. Besides teaching, she moderates the Science Club and is the girls' and boys' junior varsity volleyball coach. In addition to flag football and coaching, Andrasko is a certified kayak instructor.

Prior to completing her M.Ed., Andrasko played pro-volleyball with the Ankra Volleyball Klubb in Norway. Currently, she is working towards receiving her Master of Arts in teaching from Chicago State University.

All Aboard

- While you are on a cruise, wash your hands often—before and after meals and activities (such as sports, games, casino, pool, exercise), after using the restroom or caring for a sick person.

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

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Good - bye old house

It's never easy saying good-bye -especially when over 23 years of memories are involved. Looking around at the boxes stacked next to the front door, I'm filled with excitement for the new beginnings to come, while at the same time allowing myself a moment to relish time shared in a house whose past will remain long after its structure is demolished.

Twenty years ago my husband, of 3 years, and I walked into the old frame house on Albany Ave and fell in love with its quaint and cozy lived in charm. That long ago spring we moved into our first home, complete with cherry tree in the back yard, which was in full bloom, a sea of white, fluffy buds that seemed to welcome us with its beauty.

We came to find that the lived charm really translated into lots and lots of repairs needed. So much needed to be done. Through the years we raised our two daughters and between tuition bills and Orthodondist appointments, made necessary repairs as we went along.

Looking around now with the walls bare of family portraits, with nothing left but the echoes of yesterday filling my thoughts, I reflect on those days with gratitude.

Once upon a memory, in this old house there lived a young daddy who never ceased to make his little girls squeal with delight- like the time it looked as if a nasty thunderstorm would keep two little swingers from enjoying the new swing set in the yard. With the zip of a drill huge hooks were bolted into the kitchen doorways, creating an instant spot to hang their swings. Snow, sleet, rain or shine, daddy's little girls could be found swinging to their heart's content.

The old back door had been replaced years ago. It probably would've lasted a while longer had it not been used for target practice. Like a kid with a new toy, my former Marine husband got just what he aimed for one Christmas - a BB gun. He taped a bull's eye target to the middle of the back door and fired away. How he didn't realize he'd leave the door looking like mini Swiss cheese is beyond me. For years the door looked like it was sporting a bad case of chicken pox.

Love may be a many splendor thing, however it was never meant to be perfect. Though I loved the old house it was definitely far from perfect.

When pipes would burst, when the walls would crack, or a remodeling job was not going quite as smoothly as I expected, I'd scoff at my well meaning husband's futile attempts at playing Mr. Fix-It, and he'd strike a low blow of his own with comments like, "Yeah, well you're no Martha Steward yourself" Enough said.

We've made it through the thick and thin of married life, through good times and layoffs and now, hand in hand, with gray in our hair and a new found spring in our step as we embark on a new adventure.

Soon the old frame house on Albany Ave will be put a distant memory as the tear down of old makes way for the new. As I walk out the front door, for the last time, I'll reach for the box containing my most precious treasures of all / my angel collection that has accumulated like the many wonderful blessings that have graced our marringe. And I realize, with much sincerity, that sometimes God answers our prayers through the angelic deeds of other people.

This I know for sure, thanks to a kindly young Irishman named Eddie McBrearty - a contractor who does so much more than just build homes with brick and mortar, but who has the incredible foresight to create hope when it comes to matters of heart - giving Bill and I all the more reason to build on our blessings.

Summit Park District, how much does vandalism cost you?

Do you know how much vandalism cost you? It cost you in service, programs, equipment, taxes and safety.

When park property or equipment is damaged, it is taken out of service - this could be a swing, slide, water fountain or other piece of equipment. Even shelters have become targets. The lights in the small shelter have been broken 3 time in the last year, each light is $600, not to mention the cost of the persons that have to come out and fix them. Swings have been slashed, fences have been cut and shelter roofs have been burned.

When we do catch those who are responsible we prosecute them to the full extent of the law. This is where you can help. When you see something that does not seem right in the parks, please call the police at 563-4830. If you see this during the week and it is between 6:30 AM and 3:30 PM., please call the park at 496-1012 so that we may send someone to check. Your name will not be mentioned.

From all of us at the part, please come and use the parks, the mini-golf and the water playground. Have a happy and safe summer season in the park.

Talk Radio are Speaking

Join radio personalities and real life friends Kathy O' Malley and Judy Markey for an entertaining evening that is sure to be a hit filled with hot topics, humorous dialogue and audience participation.

This event will take place on Wednesday, April 9th at 7 pm.; at the Saint Xavier University's Shannon Center, 3700 W. 103rd Street, Chicago.

Admission is $10 and tickets are available by called 773-289-3900 or at mareska@sxu.edu. Seats are limited.

Order Sons of Italy, to present Awards

The Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA), Grand Lodge of Illinois, will host their second annual Leonardo da Vinci Award Of Excellence Gala on Sunday, April 13th, 2003 to recognize individuals and corporations who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields.

The Gala reception and ceremony will take place at the Drury Lane Oakbrook, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrance, Illinois at 3:30 pm. Master of Ceremony is the Honorable Richard Pellegrino, Mayor of the Village of Indian Head Park.

"Leonardo da Vinci was the greatest genius the world has ever seen. He epitomized the renaissance humanist idea," states President Giovanna Verdecchia.

"This Award pays tribute to those who, like da Vinci, have made a distinct contribution to society. We are privileged to acknowledge them for their expert work, dedication and accomplishments in their chosen profession."

Leonardo da Vinci was one of the key figures of the Renaissance, a great cultural movement that had begun in Italy in the 1300's. His portrait, Mona Lisa, and his religious scene, The Last Supper, rank among the most famous picture ever painted.

"Meet Mr. Lincoln" at Rotary

You will be spellbound when Honest Abe appears in person. Dick Anderson, in interim Presbyterian minister in Lombard, Illinois will be preforming at the Oak Lawn Rotary Club on Monday, April 7, 2003. Dressed in a stove top hat and a black suit, Mr. Anderson who has preformed for thousands including the U.S. Congress, Illinois state legislature, New York's Carnegie Hall, the Lincoln Memorial, NBC's Today Show and Ford's Theatre just to name a few, will reveal and wit and wisdom of our 16th president. He is increasingly becoming known as America's "Mr. Lincoln." Mr. Anderson's costumed monologue of Abe Lincoln will stir the emotions as he contrasts the issues confronting the nation in the 1860's with those facing us today. This unique and memorable presentation will also feature his resounding edition of such songs as the Battle Hyme of the Republic, The Gettysburg Address, Dixie, and other patriotic favorites. Dick Anderson, who performed opera in Germany for six years has a remarkable voice.

Oak Lawn Rotary meets at the Hilton Oak Lawn; 9333 S. Cicero at 12:15 pm. Lunch will be provided and cost for non members is $12.00. Mark you calendars for what promises to be an unforgettable performance. This is also a great opportunity to check out Rotary and see what it is all about.

For further information, please contact Chuck Groebe at 708-346-8802 or Dave Kobak at 708-361-0500.

Play trip planned

The friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a bus trip to see a matinee performance of "On Golden Pond", starring Jack Klugman, Saturday, May 3. Registration begins in-person 9-11 am. Saturday, April 5 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. See this critically acclaimed Broadway production at the Paramount Theatre in Aurora, with a cast led by Jack Klugman, best known for his portrayal of Oscar in "The Odd Couple." The bus will depart at 1 pm and return at 6 pm. The cost, which includes motor-coach transportation and theater admission, is $40 for Friends members and $45 for nonmembers. After the in-person registration closes, call 708-422-4990 to find out how you can purchase tickets.

Bradford Oscar Ritchie Jr. scores a perfect 99

De La Salle Institute is proud to announce the Bardford Oscar Ritchie Jr. achieved a perfect score of 99 on De La Salle's entrance exam that was held on January 11, 2003. Ritchie, who is currently an eight-grader at St. Dorothy's Grammar School on Chicago's South Side, will attend the Institute this fall as a member of the Class of 2007. Ritchie will enroll in De La Salle's Honors Program.

"Not only does Bradford excel in the classroom, but he's truly a wonderful young man," said De La Salle's Director of Admissions, John Brogan. "We are excited to welcome Bradford to De La Salle and are confident that he will thrive as a Meteor.

"We feel that all of the young men and young women who will comprise De La Salle's Class of 2007 bring their own unique talents and abilities to the Institute. The Futures of these young men and young women, along with that of De La Salle, are very bright."

Patrick Walsh Student of De La Salle participates in Presidential Classroom Program

Thanks to the Presidential Classroom Program, 200 high school student from across the United States recently visited Washington, D.C. for a week to learn about a variety of topics, ranging from how the Central Intelligence Agency operates to how the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives function.

One of the four students chosen to represent the state of Illinois was De La Salle Institute's Patrick Walsh. Walsh, a member of the historic Bronzeville schools class of 2004, was in the nation's capital from February 15-22 and was selected for the Presidential Scholars portion of the program.

Walsh who is enrolled in De La Salle's honors program, is ranked no. two in the class of 2003 with a 4.857 grade point averagg. Walsh, who resides in Chicago's Scottsdale neighborhood, is a member of the National Honor Society, Peer Ministry, Lasallian Youth and student newspaper at the Institute, as well as the Miniatures club, Military Board Games Club and Mock Trial team. Athletically, Walsh participates in varsity football and rugby.

"Being a part of the presidential Classroom Program was a great experience for me," Walsh said. "I made a lot of good friend and I've been keeping in touch with them. It was really a great thing."

During his week in Washington, Walsh met with representatives from the offices of Illinois Senators Dick Durbin and Peter Fitzgerald, as well as representative William Lipinski. Walsh also filed a report on current issues and attended a variety of seminars, including a CIA briefing.

"That was interesting," Walsh said. "But the (CIA representative) was evasive. He couldn't tell us all the much. He gave very general answers."

Walsh also took part in five "crossfires", which were group discussions dealing with a broad range of topics.

"The best thing was that everyone brought something different to the table." Walsh said. "There were all these different opinions and different views. That was the best part of it."

Walsh, whose sight-seeing voyages in Washington enable him to visit the U.S. Capitol Building, the White House, the Lincoln Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, is exploring the possibility of majoring in political science when he attends college in the fall of 2004. His first choice of college is Notre Dame, followed by Georgetown, Illinois and Northwestern.

Queen of Peace granted recognition

The Illinois State Board of Education Account-ability Division for nonpublic schools once again granted "Full Recognition" to Queen of Peace.

The state Superintendent of Education grants "Full Recognition" to a school that meets Illinois State Board of Education criteria for nonpublic schools in the areas of policies and philosophy, adminis-tration supervision and planing, instructional programs and extra curricular activities, services such as guidance and health, facilities and food services and personnel qualifications.

Continued recognition is granted to a school that meets its stated philosophical and operational goals and specified program objectives. "The school's mission and philosophy is not only visible throughout", the evaluators' statement of Queen of Peace read, "it is a living document actualized in all aspects of the school, including but not limited to the curriculum and co-curricular activities."

The committee evaluating Queen of Peace consisted of Joan Ennis, a representative from the Illinois State Board of Education; James Gay, principal of Andrew High School in Tinley Park; and Mary Iannucilli, principal of Seton Academy in South Holland.

The committee commended school administrators for setting a tone of collaboration and encouraging the school community toward self empowerment. They noted that curriculum was well developed and especially recognized teachers' varied instructional techniques, sensitivity to learning styles and openness between teachers and students. Effective use of technology on part of both teachers and students was also commended. "Faculty and students give witness to active listening with one another, reinforcing a climate of respect for others," the committee stated.

A win for De La Salle

De La Salle Institute wishes to congratulate its sophomore boys basketball team for earning a share of the Catholic league North championship this season. Under the guidance of head coach Ben Blakeley and assistant coaches Lawrence Blakley '83 and Michael Vickus '01, the Meteors finished with an overall of 17-6 and a mark of 11-2 in the Catholic League North. De La Salle shared the conference title with Fenwick and Hales Franciscan.

The talented young men who comprised the Meteors sophomore basketball team this season were Romey Bracey (South Deering), Ricky Cade (Bronzeville), Andrew Cline (Archer Heights), Dwight Hill (Riverdale), Jerry Lakomiak (Bridgeport), Andrew Mack (Chicago Lawn), Johnathan McCottrell (West Garfield Park), Cory Norman (Douglas), Joe Schergen (Chicago Lawn), James Westberry (New City) Tremeris Williams (West Englewood), Matthew Wonzer (Burnham), and James Zintak (Chicago Lawn)

Elliott Wimbush, the founder and director of vox humana ministries of Hillside, leads Brother Rice High School students in a prayer service

Brother Rice students celebrate diversity

Elliott Wimbush, the Founder and Director of vox humana ministries of Hillside. Led Theology classes at Brother Rice High School in faith reflection thought scripture, song and discussion during a recent visit. His ministry is dedicated to promoting the "unabashed, open faced praise of God." Wimbush has visiting the school for the past five years.

Wimbush is a nationally known Master Cantor who has sung at parishes throughout the Archdioceses of Chicago, Joliet and Milwaukee. He is a lay minister and has Brother Rice students singing traditional African songs as part of the service.

St. Rita announces

St. Rita holds open rehearsal

The St. Rita High School Ritanettes, a flag and rifle group that compliments the Marching Mustang Band, will hold an open rehearsal on Wednesday, April 30, 2003. All attendees will learn how to twirl flag and rifle and learn a dance routine, as well as receive a free ticket to the Spring Concert to see the St. Rita Band and Ritanettes perform. All attendees will receive a complimentary T-shirt. The Ritanette program is offered to girls who will be attending an all-girls Catholic High School next year. Registration begins at 3:30 pm, with rehearsal from 4 - 6 pm. Enter the Band Wing from rear parking lot entrance. St. Rita High School is located at 7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago. For more information, call Jodi at 773-925-6600, ext. 6659.

St. Rita Drama Club presents Spring Production

On Friday, April 4th, Saturday, April 5th at 7:30pm and on Sunday, April 6th at 2:30 pm, the St. Rita Drama Club will present the two-act comedy "Let it rain" by David Christner. God is tired of man's obsession with war and nuclear weapons and wants to start all over again. Can psychiatrist, Dr. Harry Adams, talk him out of his destructive tendencies? Come and find out. This show will be enjoyed by all ages. Tickets are $5 for adults, $3 for seniors (over 55) and high school students with ID and grammar school students are $1. The St. Rita Theatre is located at 7740 S. Western Ave.Chicago Park in rear lot; enter middle theatre entrance doors.

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Emergency Prepardness Seminar for all schools

On March 20, 2003 the Village of Evergreen Park conducted a seminar for Emergency Preparedness Seminar for all local schools. This seminar was put on at the Evergreen Park Fire Department by members of the Evergreen Park Fire Department and Police Department. The seminar was coordinated by Village Preparedness Coordinator Mary Murphey. The class was attended by representatives of all schools in Evergreen Park including preschools. Also in attendance were Mayor James Sexton and Fire Chief Ed Clohessy. The Seminar addressed how the village would react in a case of emergency and these emergencies would include weapons of mass destruction, biological and chemical as well as radioactive materials. Also included were natural disasters.

Covered in the seminar was instruction when to "Shelter in place" and when to evacuate". The main theme of the seminar was to assist the schools to prepare for these disasters and to help them with their disaster plan. As one of the instructors, Deputy Chief O'Dowd of the police department pointed out "even though Evergreen Park is not a target, we must prepare."

When Mayor Sexton took office he made public safety one of his top proprieties and he immediately asked the police and fire departments to develop a plan.

Mary Murphey who was then a trustee, worked on this plan with the departments. Mayor Sexton appointed Mrs. Murphey as Preparedness Coordinator in January of 2002 and she began to coordinate all village departments efforts to work within this plan. Evergreen Park has worked with Little Company of Mary Hospital to coordinate their plan with Evergreen Park and in now working with the schools. The next step will be for the village to work with the large business in the community.

For further information regarding preparedness, contact Mary Murphey 708-422-2148

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Village of Orland Park hosts Candlelight Ceremony

A number of Village of Orland Park families have loved ones serving in the United States military. To show the Orland Park Community's support for these families, the Village of Orland Park Veteran's Commission, in cooperation with St. Michael church, will host a Candlelight Ceremony of Thanks on Thursday, April 10, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Orland Park Veteran's Memorial in the Village Center Complex, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. "The Candlelight Ceremony is the community's way of showing Orland Park families that we care about them and that we're all praying that their loved ones return home safely," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. Helping to plan Orland Park's ceremony are Marilyn and Steve Howard of Orland Park, members of St. Michael Parish. The Howard's son is aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln. Veteran's Commission Chaplain Father Leo Lyons, a retired Air Force Colonel, will preside over the ceremony.

Parents, spouses and family members of the Village of Orland Park residents serving in the United States military are asked to pre-register with the Veteran's Commission so that a Blue Star Flag can be reserved for these families. Families may pre-register by calling Veteran's Commission Secretary Gail Blumer at 708-403-6203.

Orland Park has also created a "Hometown Heroes" board in the lobby of Frederick T. Owens Village Hall. The mayor explained, "We are inviting Orland Park military families to submit photos of their loved ones, along with the name, rank and branch of service. These same photos will also be featured on the village's monthly cable television show, Orland Park Village View. Information sheets are available at the Village Hall or may be obtained by calling 708-403-6140.

Information sheets for submitting military photos may also be downloaded from the Village of Orland Park web site at www.orland-park.il.us. "Orland Park is committed to supporting its veterans," McLaughlin said, noting the village's November [illegible] opening of its Veterans Assistance Office at the Village Hall. The mayor added, "We're certainly hoping [illegible] communities [illegible] we want [illegible] Orland Park residents who are serving our country. We're doing all that we can to let these people and their families know that the entire community is supporting and praying for their safe return." To submit the names of Orland Park residents serving in the military, family members may call 708-403-6151. Further information about the Village of Orland Park's Candlelight Ceremony is available by calling 708-403-6203.

Celebrate Earth Day at Orland

Join Orland Grassland Volunteers for our Earth Day spring cleanup celebration at the Orland Grassland on April 26 from 9 am to 1 pm. [illegible] along 104th Street will be [illegible] the [illegible] from the street trash will be cleaned up [illegible]. Participants will collect trash [illegible] with [illegible] Gloves [illegible] vests will be provided and also will be refreshments. The site is located between 104th Street and La Grange north of 179th Street and south of 167th Street. Parking [illegible] side street on the west side of 104th. Groups will start near Grove [illegible] Drive toward the north end of the preserve and at 175th Street toward the south end. For more information or contact Judy Pollock at 847-965-1150 or Mike Kinnath at 708-387-9265.

Orland Grassland is the site of one of the region's most ambitious restoration projects. Goals of the project are to increase native wetland, prairie and oak woodland habitat on 960 acres for the benefit of wildlife [illegible] ecological health. Partners in this project include the Orland Grassland Volunteers, The Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Audubon Chicago Region, Corlands, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Dr. Steven R. Timmermans

Volunteers needed to clean up Wolfe Wildlife Wetlands

Oak Lawn Nature lovers of all ages are invited to help clean up Oak Lawn's Wolfe Wildlife Refuge, a natural wetland preserve located at 109th Street and Laramie Avenue, at two organized events this spring.

On Saturday, April 19, the Oak Lawn Park District will celebrate Earth Day by working with area volunteers and scout troops from 9 am to 11 am to clean up [illegible] debris throughout the preserve. Naturalist Scott King will also attend, providing information about the animals and plants that make the wetland their home. Garbage bags will be provided; volunteers are asked to bring their own gloves.

On Saturday, May 10, the park district will partner with the Friends of Chicago River to clean up Stony Creek at the Wolfe Wildlife Refuge. This annual event will feature volunteers working in and along the creek from 8:30 am until noon.

For more information or to volunteer for these events, contact the park district at (708) 857-2200 or info@olparks.com.

Children Teens Weight Loss Program

Overweight children and teens run the risk of adult health problems, as well as low self esteem, ridicule and anguish. That's why Palos Community Hospital offers its Shapedown program. Shapedown is a specialized family-centered program that promotes good nutrition, a healthy lifestyle and safe short and long term weight loss. Participants learn to develop positive eating and exercise habits and address self esteem issues that often accompany or cause weight control problems.

Led by a registered dietitian, the Shapedown class is offered in separate sessions, one for teens, ages 13 to 17, and another for [illegible], ages [illegible].

An orientation for the Shapedown class will be held from 6-7 pm, Wednesday, April 16, at Palos Health & Fitness Center, 15430 West Avenue, Orland Park.

The 10-week session of Shapedown will begin Wednesday, April 23. A physician's consent is required for admission to the Shapedown class. For more information, call (708) 923-4485.

Library Displays for April

Exhibits from St. Catherine School in Oak Lawn and Southwest Cook County Chapter of the Autism Society of Illinois will be on display at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. throughout April.

Individuals and local community groups interested in exhibiting special collections, activities and creative works at the library may pick up display applications at the reception booth. For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

Trinity Christian College names new president

After an extensive review process involving over 55 nominees and applicants and narrowing the field to 6 qualified candidates, the presidential search committee of Trinity Christian College has selected Dr. Steven R. Timmermans of Grand Rapids, Mich. to serve as the college's seventh president. Dr. Timmermans recently held the post of executive associate to the president of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, where he has served in varied capacities since 1989.

Described by committee members as "a collaborative team oriented leader," Timmermans brings a diverse set of background of community engagement, administrative, teaching and Christian commitment to the position. He and his wife, Dr. Barbara Timmermans, a professor who has taught maternity and community health nursing, will move their family of four children to the Palos Heights community this summer. Dr. Timmermans will assume his official duties July 1, 2003.

Trinity Christian college is a community of Christian Scholarship committed to shaping lives and transforming culture. The College, located in Palos Heights, Ill. has been educating Christian leaders in the liberal arts for more than 40 years.

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Comfort Keepers offers new services for the elderly

Life can be extremely stressful for some senior citizens and their families. Simple daily tasks like getting to doctor's appointments, shopping for groceries and clothing, doing the laundry, running errands and preparing meals can be frustrating events. The stress that is caused will sometimes lead families into discussions of moving their loved ones into a nursing home. Comfort Keepers hopes to eliminate some of the stress and make it possible for senior citizens to remain in the comfort and privacy of their own home.

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State Champions: Kneeling from Left: Senior Matthew Vaci (Evergreen Pk.); Senior Dan manzella (Chgo-West Lawn); Senior Ryan Klinger (Oak Lawn). Standing front row form left: Head Wrestling Coach Dan Carroll (Burbank); Junior John O'Malley (Evergreen Pk.); Sophomore Obie Simpson (Homewood-Flossmoor); Senior Dan Keenan (Evergreen Pk.); Sophomore Brian Earner (Oak Lawn); Senior Bob Fangerow (Worth); Freshman Adam Canty (Chgo-Garfield Ridge); St. Rita President Principal Fr. Thomas McCarthy, OSA; Ass. Coach Matthew Canty; Junior Allan Lick (Chgo-West Lawn); Freshman Michael Doyle (Chgo-Wrightwood); Fred DeRamus (Chgo-West Lawn); Junior Leo Krystof (Oak Lawn); Junior Brett Wolniakowski (Oak Lawn); Junior Michael Justich (New Lenox); Sophomore Brendon McElligott (Chgo-West Lawn); Junior Carlos Lopez (Chgo-West Lawn); Sophomore Ryan O'Malley (Chgo-West Lawn)

St. Rita's Celebrate

Teammates and coaches from St. Rita High School's IHSA State championship Class AA Wrestling Team were honored at the school on March 4th during halftime of the varsity basketball team's regional playoff game vs Harper. The wrestling program, which began in 1985, has grown into one of the most respectable programs in the area with much of its success the past six years due to head Coach Dan Carroll.

After winning the Catholic League Tournament and ending a 13 year reign that Mt. Carmel or Providence formerly shared, the Mustang Matmen advanced through regional and sectional championships and went on to the IHSA AA Individual State Championships, placing eight grapplers and breaking IHSA records for most wrestlers from one team to place. At the State Team Competition, the Mustangs defeated six-time defending champ providence Catholic 24-20, winning their first state wrestling title in school history. The two Augustinian schools battled to finish, with St. Rita (21-2) emerging the victor of the close contest.

Queen of Peace announces new dates

Queen of Peace High school invites 6th and 7th grade girls and their families to "Peace Preview," a special spring Open House, on Thurs-day, April 10, at 7 pm. Visitors will learn about Peace's faith centered learning, strong college prep curriculum, outstan-ding fine arts program, championship sports, leadership and service opportunities and 40 clubs and activities / all in the empowering environmental of all girls catholic school.

Students and families making high school choices will also have the opportunity to talk to teachers, students, administrators and coaches at the Open House. Queen of Peace is located at 7659 S. Linder in Burbank. For more information, please call Mary Annerino, recruitment director, at 708-458-7600, ext. 292.

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Summit Park District announces

Trip to Ho-Chunk Casino in Baraboo, Wisconsin on Saturday, May 17th, 2003. The cost is $55.00 per person with a rebate of $10.00. The trip also includes motor coach transportation, a tour through the Dells and a stop at the Wisconsin Cheese Shop. The bus will depart the Park at 6:30 am and return at around 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm. To sign up, please come to the Summit Park District at 5700 South Archer Road, during the hours of 7:00 am - 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Trip to the Fleamarket in the Park on Saturday, June 21, 2003. The hours are 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Vendors may start setting up at 8:00 am. The fee for one 10 x 10 space is $10.00. You have to bring your own tables. Anyone inter-ested in selling must pre-register and prepay to gua-rantee your space in the Park.

On Wednesday & Thursday, August 13th - 14th we are going to Ho-Chunk Majestic Pines Casino in Baraboo, Wisconsin. The cost is $96.00 per person - double occupancy ($35.00 extra for singles) with a rebate of $56.00. The bus will leave the Park at 6:30 am and return at around 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm. For further details, please call the Park office at (708) 496-1012.

Triathlon

The Bloomington-Normal YMCA will host the Tri-Shark Triathlon at Moraine View State Park on Saturday, May 31 at 8 am. This is an annual event with approximately 350 participants from several states.

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Skate Park comes to Evergreen Park

by
Matt Mayer

The April 7th Evergreen Park Board Meeting commenced with a reminder from Mayor James Sexton in regards to the 2nd annual Evergreen Park Environmental Awareness Fair on April 12th from 9:30 am. to 1 pm., at the Activity Center. Sexton announced there is a "We Salute our hometown heroes section" in the glass case in front of the village hall. Anyone who has a loved one currently serving in the armed services is welcome to bring in their name along with a photograph - and information such as what branch of service - where they are fighting - where they are from - as well as any other information that one may what to share. Sexton also reported that there is a free yellow ribbon giveaway and that ribbons may be obtained at the village hall as well as the community center.

An application for business regulations certificates was approved for Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar to be located at the southeast corner of the Evergreen Plaza, 2401 West 95th Street. Sexton said this will be the first phase in renovating the plaza. He said the wall that surrounds the plaza will be removed and additional landscaping is planned, which will include the planting of a considerable amount of trees.

Application for business applications were also approved for: Marlene A. Mantich, DPM 9256 South Kedzie Ave (podiatry services) and Mohamed R. Abrim, M.D. 2850 West 95th Street, Suite 201 (Internal Medicine Physician) and MGM Law Firm 9730 S. Western Ave.

Resolution 3-2003 "A resolution appropriating the sum of $591,743.00 of motor fuel tax funds for maintenance of streets and highways by municipality under the Illinois highway code." Was approved by the board.

The board approved a recommendation by the park board - to install skate park equipment. The board also approved a request by the park board to waive the bidding process and award the contract to Nu Toys Leisure Products in the amount of $22,3650.00. Sexton said and park board voted to recommend building the skate park at its March 18th meeting and that the bidding process was waived due to the specialization of the equipment.

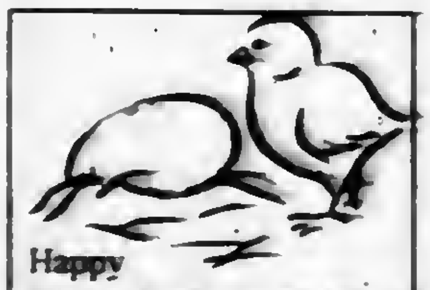
Sexton also said the park board has done a thorough job of researching this project such as contacting other villages with skate parks - checking prices and locations. He said that the skate rink equipment will be installed at Yakich Park, 8900 S. Kedzie Ave - and that the equipment will be installed in an area which is used as an ice-skating ring during the winter months. He speculates that the skate park will be open May through October, "weather permitting".

Sexton said that this project transpired as a result of a letter he received approximately one year ago from Tony Chuinard, a 10 year old resident of Evergreen Park.

The board approved a request from The Zone Honda - Kawasaki, for a Zooming for Zach motor cycle ride. Zach was diagnosed with a brain tumor in January of 2000. After extensive treatment, Zach succumbed to this disease on July 25, 2002. He was 9 years old. This event is to benefit the Gus Foundation which was established in 1995 by friends and family of Gus Evangelides, who succumbed to this disease 3 month prior to his second birthday. The proceeds of this event will help fund The Children's Memorial Center of Chicago, a leader in the research and treatment of pediatric brain tumors. The event is scheduled for May 18th The starting point is the Northeast Elementary School at 92nd and Millard at 10:00 am. The cost is $20 per rider and $30 per couple.

Jim Feltz, Director of the Youth Commission, announced a series of open houses to take place at the Evergreen Park Youth Commission at 3450 W. 97th St. Fifth and Sixth graders along with their parents are invited for an evening of fun. The events are as follows: The northwest quadrant is April 17th. Southeast quadrant is April 24th and the northeast and St. Bernadette quadrant will be May 1st.

Each event is from 6:30 pm. to 8:00 pm. Residents having any questions may call 229-3377. The meeting adjourned at 8:09.



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Drug awareness held in Oak Lawn

The Dare Unit of Oak Lawn is dispersing there drug information to the Oak Lawn school children who attend annually for the drug awareness program.

Incumbent Trustees Recieve Oath Of Office

by
Matt Mayer

The April 8th Oak Lawn Village Board of Trustees meeting, commenced with the swearing in of Police Officer Steven Mc Neela.

The board approved the 2003 Hud community block grant funding in the amout of $358,000. The board also approved the 54th Avenue development agreement between Village of Oak Lawn, Insite L.L.C., and Archer bank. The preliminary site plan for this development includes the bank building - L.L.C., will own and lease the retail center. The redevelopment agreement includes an extensive list of prohibited users, which is the same list used in the Home Depot-Mid America agreement at 95th and Pulaski. L.L.C., and Archer Bank will also be meeting certain requirements set forth by the village according to the Village Manager Joseph Faber.

A request by Dr. James Schlenker to rezone the property at 9511 S. Merrimac Ave R-1 (single family residential zoning) District - to PK (parking) zoning was postponed after Mayor Ernest Kolb stated that a number of people in the area are concerned with the rezoning of this property. Kolb suggested that Dr. Schlenker meet with the board members as well as any residents opposed to the rezoning the week of April 14th, so that any questions and concerns may be addressed at this time.

Dr. Schlenker agreed to Kolb's request - Kolb requested that anyone interested in attending this meeting call the village hall to obtain information in regards to date, time and location. Trustee Steven Rosenbaum requested that Dr. Schlenker bring in an area boundary map, highlighting the properties that he owns, including his office building.

After some discussion it was decided that the village would prepare the map. The board unanimously approved the motion for the meeting.

This request was first brought to the board at the March 25th meeting.

A request waiver of fees, liquor and raffle license for the annual family festival at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 10301 S. Kolmar was approved by a vote of 4 to 2. The board approved a class D liquor license for the White Hen at 10441 S. Cicero for beer and wine only. Trustee Marjorie Ann Joy and Trustee Robert Streit dissented.

The meeting concluded with Sixth District Judge, George Morrisey, preforming the swearing in of the three incumbent Trustees, Trustee Jerry Hurkes (D1), Trustee Marjorie Joy (D5) and Trustee Robert J. Streit (D3). Family and friends were present at the ceremony which concluded with a round of applause.

Pictured: US Marine is presenting the American flag from the casket of Horace Burns to VFW Post 177 commander Paul Marietta. Red Cap. John Buckley past post commander. Seated 2nd row John Kapior. bill Stafanu Post Chaplain. John Swan ritual team captain. All. except Marine Sgt. are member of VFW Post 177

Memorial service for three homeless veterans

A memorial service was held for three homeless veterans on March 26. 2003. arranged by Blake-Lamb Funeral Home in Oak Lawn. Participating in the services. of over fifty members. were from VFW Post 177 Chicago Ridge. VFW 5220. Oak Lawn and the Hubert High School Jr. ROTC Drill team from Chicago Lawn in Chicago

An eloquent and inspiring eulogy was given by the Reverent Chris Dietven of Our Savior Lutheran parish in Burbank. Comrades Bernard O'Malley and John Krupa of the Oak Lawn VFW Post 5220 recited VFW ritual prayers.

After Taps were played. two active members of the US Army and Two Marine Corp. folded the three American flags and presented them to the VFW Post Commanders in attendance. The casket flag will be encased and held as a memorial to Marine Corp. Vet Horace Burns.

The homeless Vets are: William Averill (US Army). Horace Burns (US Marine Corp.) and George Ciesielski (US Army). What led the three veterans to become homeless and friendless. is not known. but. the participants in the service did not want them to leave this earth friendless. The three were interned in The Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery the following day. with full military honors

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Basic Training completed

Marine Corps Pvt. Steven L. Unser. son of Susan C. and Lee S. Unser of Burbank. recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

Unser is a 2002 graduate of Reavis High School of Burbank. IL.

Marine Corps Pvt. James I. Castaneda. a 1999 graduate of Reavis High School. Burbank. IL.. recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

Marine Corps Pvt. Joe J. Hedge. a 2002 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School. Chicago. recently completed basic training at Marine corps Recruit Depot. San Diego.

Marine Corps Pvt. Curran P. Harms. son of Kathleen F. and Glenn R. Harms of Burbank. recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot. San Diego.

Harms is a 2002 graduate of Reavis High School of Burbank.

Unser.Castaneda. Hedge and Harms successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Unser and fellow recruits began their training at 5:00 am. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program. Unser. Castanad. Hedge. and Harms spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first-aid. uniform regulations. combat water survival. marksmanship. hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training. Unser. Castanada. Hedge. Harms and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values - honor. courage and commitment and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Unser. Castanada. Hedge and Harms and fellow recruits ended the training phase with the Crucible. a 54-hour team effort. problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem. and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Marine Corps Reserve Cpl. John L. Eul. son of Susan G. Treacy of Evergreen Park. and John J. Eul of Oak Lawn. was recently called to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to Marine Tactical Air Command Squadron 48. 4th Marine Air Wing. home based in Great Lakes. Illinois.

Eul's unit deployed as part of a larger Marine force currently reposition-ing to Southwest Asia for possible future contingency operations in support of the global war in terrorism.

The 4th Marine Air Wing's mission is to organize. train and equip individual Marines and combat ready groups. squadrons and air defense units to augment and reinforce the active component when required.

Eul is as 1997 graduate of Evergreen Park High School of Evergreen Park. and joined the Marine Corps Reserve in December 1997

Lipinski statement on the invasion of Iraq

Washington - U.S., congressman William Lipinski (D-IL) issued the following statement regarding the invasion of Iraq and the outlook for post war strategy:

"The decision to go to war was a serious and somber forts during and after the military conflict. America will especially need the support of our allies to rebuild Iraq. We must begin working immediately with the one. I solidly support our troops who will bear the burden of military action. I suspect that their action will result in a quick resolution of the war.

In October of last year, I voted against the authorization for military force against Iraq because of the Bush administration's disjointed approach and the fact that I could no in good conscience support military force until we first sought UN weapons inspections and the support of the international community. I still feel that the way that the Bush administration handled this situation was not the best approach. However, considering the large number of American and allied troops and weaponry deployed to the Gulf region, I do not think we could afford to continue to sit back while Saddam Hussein continued to play games with UN weapons inspectors and mock the deadline of disarmament.

Diplomacy continues to be crucial. The United States should continue diplomacy to assemble the broadest coalition possible to assist our efUnited Nations and our friends around the world to outline our post war reconstruction efforts. I fear that during the post war occupation of Iraq, many of Husseins supporters will go into hiding and act as guerrillas, attacking post conflict troops. I believe that the United States and the United Kingdom troops would be these guerrillas main target. In order to prevent guerrilla attacks in the post war Iraq, it would be prudent for the United Kingdom and United States to have predominate presence of behind the scenes support with limited involvement in staffing Iraq. It is my hope that other nations will be pro-active in supplying the personnel to rebuild Iraq. We must diligently reestablish relations with the international community so that we may again work harmoniously together to restore peace and avoid war.

As the war with Iraq commences, my thoughts are with our courageous troops and their families and I pray for their safe and swift return home."

Pictured (L to R): Kevin Young, Programmer analyst for the retirement fund. Commissioner Gloria Allito Majewski. Commissioner Yourell and Cynthia Kueter. Executive Director

Commissioner Harry "Bus" Yourell receives award

Terrence J. O'Brien. President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. has announced that Commissioner Harry "Bus" Yourell. chairman of the Committee on Budget and Employment at M.W.R.D.. accepted an award from the Government Finance Officers Association. The award is the highest form of recognition in governmental reporting.

Commissioner Yourell stated that "to receive this award. governments submit their budget for review by a panel of independent budget experts to evaluate the effectiveness of the budget as a policy document. a financial plan. an operation guide and communications device." Yourell concluded by saying "this is the eighteenth year the District has received this prestigious award".

Letter to the editor

How long do we, the consumers, have to tolerate Walgreens? In fact, I have stopped looking at their sales papers.

Since the beginning of February I have tried to buy a "Pasta Pot" This is one of the most recent examples. My Mom and I went to at least three stores and were told that they only received two or three of the sale product and are all sold out, or no, two reason, they have not received their shipment for the sale, that starts on Sunday morning and to try back on Thursday. Even when my Mom or I arrive at the Walgreens when they open the doors at 9 am, we have been told they are sold out, even we had been the first customers in the stores!

This is not an isolated problem and not only at one store. I have called up to seven stores and was told the same thing over and over again. I used to go to Walgreens with a list of ten or more items and at least half of the items were unavailable for one reason or another.

If that isn't frustrating enough, I am handicapped and none of the stores have a wheelchair or electric cart available for customer use. Even though I refuse to stop at Walgreens, their commercials still raise my blood pressure. Now I take my prescriptions to K-Mart in Crestwood, where the employees are courteous and helpful and when I shop for their sales, I get the product instead of excuses.

This letter is from Judy, Worth, IL.

Oak Lawn wins south suburban championship

The St. Germaine (Oak Lawn) 7th grade boys Basketball Team defeated St. George (Tinley Park) in the South Suburban Conference division 1-A south playoffs.

The championship game was held at Shepard High School on Sunday, March 23, before a supportive crowd. St. Germaine utilized a stifling defense and a well-rounded scoring attack to achieve the victory.

The St. Germaine defense did not allow St. George to penetrate with the basketball and forced the opponents to shoot unsuccessfully from long range.

The previous day, St. Germaine defeated St. Julie (Orland Park) 46-44 in the semifinal contest. The championship victory game allowed St. Germaine to avenge a regular season loss to the fine top-seeded St. George squad.

St. Germaine was 11-3 in the South Suburban 7th grade south division regular season. The team was 4-0 in its playoff run with wins against both south and east division teams.

Softball season begins

Registrations are now being taken for adult summer softball leagues at the Oak Lawn Park District's Community Pavilion. Leagues are available for men's, women's and co-recreational teams, which begin play at Centennial Park (94th St. and Nashville Ave.) the week of April 28.

The leagues entitle each team to a ten-game, round-robin season with the top four teams in each division playing a single elimination playoff tournament at the end of the summer. Monetary awards will be given to the top two teams in each division.

Available divisions are: Women's 16-in. Competitive, Women's 16-in. Recreational and Women's 11-in. Competitive on Monday nights; Men's 16-in. Competitive and Men's 16-in. Recreational on Tuesday or Thursday nights; Men's 12-in. Competitive and Men's 12-in. Recreational on Wednesday nights; and Men's 12-in. Competitive and Co-Recreational 16-in. on Friday nights. Games are played between 6:30 pm and 9:00 pm. The league fee per team is $525.

Registration is accepted in person at the community Pavilion, located at 9401 S. Oak Park Ave.

The registration deadline is Friday, April 18. For more information, contact Park District at (708) 8570-2420 or info@olparks.com.

World Vision organized 30 hour famine

Thirty-seven students from Luther High School recently participated in "The 30 hour Famine" organized by World Vision, a Christian organization that helps poverty stricken people around the world.

Joining the students in the fast were Pastor Robert Malone, faculty advisor to "Higher Ground", teachers Ms. Kristen Ulm, Ms. Pamela Wehrheim, Ms. Laura Maddox and office secretary Mrs. Yolanda Marsh.

Prior to beginning their fast on Friday, February 21, participating students collected pledges from friends, relatives and businesses. All of the proceeds from the pledges go entirely to third world countries in need and during their 30 hour lock in at the school the students promised to fast the whole time. While at the school the students enjoyed bowling, roller skating and other fun activities, but they also took the time to pray in a number of student led devotions. Also during the day on Saturday they visited a women's shelter on the south side of Chicago for a service project. For the culminating activity of the event the Luther South students traveled to Valley Kingdom Ministries International in Forest Park where they gathered with 1500 other students for the Chicago area to break the fast with a pizza party and a celebration sharing their experiences. Luther High School South's students raised over $2500 through World Vision's "Thirty hour Famine" campaign to alleviate world hunger.

Students complete project

Graduates of Luther High School South beginning with the class of 2003 will have a special project to complete in order to satisfy graduation requirements.

The project represents engaging graduates in a challenge that closely resembles what they would likely face as everyday workers or work they would be assigned in college. This type of evaluation known as "Authentic Assessment" will require each graduating senior to complete a research paper and give an oral presentation of the paper to a panel of adults. If the prospective graduate does not receive a "Satisfactory" or better in the first presentation, that person will have to do it over. The assessment project is required to satisfy several areas: the school mission, the school objectives, the gates foundation goal and Illinois State learning objectives. The project topics chosen by the students themselves will have a specific set of evaluative criteria for both the written work and the oral presentation. The written work will be judged on grammar, spelling, sentence structure, tense, usage, flow of ideas, source documentation and overall effort. For the oral presentation students will be evaluated on understandability of subject matter, coherency of preparation, eye contact and creative approach. Once their project is completed, students will hopefully have a greater realization of how effectively they can research and communicate their ideas on a given subject.

Health care professionals advertise in our health and beauty issue on April 29th. Call (708) 423-9754

Brother Rice Theology teacher and students in a prayer session for peace

Brother Rice students pray for peace

Brother Rice Theology teachers and students march in a quiet vigil to join Mother McAuley High School and St. Xavier University students in a prayer session for peace and for our troops fighting in Iraq. The prayer session's objective was for world peace and speedy resolution to the Iraq conflict. Students also prayed for family and friends who are U.S. servicemen and women in the war. The service started with a scripture reading in the Brother Rice Chapel followed by the procession to Mother McAuley.

Pictured: Seventh graders from St. Linus grade school Oak Lawn

Family "Alien Nation"

by Christopher Notides

Can a family's "alien nation" ever be a good thing? Yes, if it is done in the name of science! Seventh graders at St. Linus grade school in Oak Lawn have been studying probability in genetics in their biology class. Their teacher, Ms. Geri Brennan described how her students studied all possible outcomes of crossing genetic traits. Students then flipped coins to determine which traits would be passed on by each parent to their off spring. Alien "families" were then constructed to include both parents and six offspring. Both genotype and phenotype were then drawn for each. This project provided for a variety of learning styles. Auditory learners gained their understanding through the class lecture, tactile learners by assembling alien family groupings, and visual learners through the resulting science-art work.

All grasped a better understanding of probability in genetics, and have a better appreciation when hearing how they look like their parents and grandparents.

Oak Lawn Park District is holding a support seminar

The Oak Lawn Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Support Group offers monthly educational sessions at the Oak Lawn Park District's Oak View Center, located at 4265 W. 110th St.

On Wednesday, April 16, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, the group will welcome Dr. Ann Cusak, a Chicago based psychologist with offices in the South Suburbs, who will speak about dealing with the emotions of physical change associated with Multiple Sclerosis.

According to facilitator Mary Ellen Tinman, the meetings are casual and friendly and light refreshments are provided. Anyone affected by M.S., family members and friends are invited to attend the free monthly meetings.

For more information on the April meeting or upcoming meetings, please call Tinman at (708) 424-1407 or the Oak View Center at (708) 857-2200.

Martin J. Healy, Jr., Pres. Celtic Legal Society of Chicago (left) with Judge Paul P. Biebel, Jr.

Award is presented

Judge Paul P. Biebel, Jr., Chief Judge of Cook County Criminal Court, was honored as Celtic Man of the year by the Celtic Legal Society of Cook County at a recent luncheon held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Judge Biebel was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court in April of 1996 and elected in 1998. An Evans Scholar, he attended Marquette University and went on to Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. where he received his law degree.

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Clockwise from top: Tammy Mader as "Joan", Jerry Galante as "Lucky", Roger Anderson as "The Captain", Cristen Paige as "Ruby", Kevoin Barthel as "Dick" and Iris Lieberman as "Mona".

Drury Lane Oakbrook Theatre presenting "Dames at Sea"

The hilarious musical comedy "Dames at Sea" will dock at Drury Lane Oakbrook from March 19 until May 25, 2003, marking the beginning of the 2003-2004 season. This charming musical wowed the critics when it opened in 1968, marking the debut of Bernadette Peters, who starred as Ruby. "Dames at Sea" has a book and lyrics by George Haimsohn and Robin Miller, with music by Jim Wise. Drury Lane Oakbrook's artistic director Ray Frewen, will direct. "Dames at Sea" is a spoof of campy, nostalgic Hollywood movie musical of the 1930's and has a familiar stroyline, a show has to close because the theatre is being torn down. The kids in the chorus have no place to tap dance and the ingenue has no place to become a star! Just in time, the solution sails into view - the star of the show is friendly with the captain of a battleship and all she has to do is to convince him to do the show on the ship.

Century 21 expands professional team

Tom and Peggy Smith, formerly of "Coldwell Banker Honig-Bell", are proud to announce they have joined "Century 21 Pro-Team." Between them they have 38 years of experience listing and selling homes in the Lemont, Lockport, Homer Glen and the Will County area.

Tom began his career in 1980 as a salesman with Bell Realty. In 1983 he achieved broker status and has had extensive training in commercial real estate. In 1988, his wife Peggy joined him and they have been a successful sales team ever since. Tom enjoys appraising and listing. Peggy takes pleasure in the sale or real estate but especially takes pride in finding that "special" home for her clients.

They have both been top producers in the area and look forward to sharing the many services of Century 21 Pro-Team with their clients. Chuck Dinolfo, Broker Owner of Century 21 Pro-Team says, " we welcome Tom and Peggy to our Pro-Team". They bring a wealth of experience and a great working knowledge of our mearket area. We know Tom & Peggy will continue their commitment to quality customer service."

Join us for a ham dinner

A spring ham dinner with all the trimmings will be served at the United Methodist Church of Worth on Saturday, April 26th, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

The cost is $8.00 for ages 10 and up, $4.00 for ages 5 to 9 years and under 5 years is free.

The church is located at 7100 West 112th street. For tickets or reservations please call ~~448-6682~~.

Daughters of American Revolution hold luncheon

The Swallow Chapter National Society Daughters of American Revolution will be having the annual spring luncheon on April 19, 2003 at noon in the Oak Room of the Radisson Hotel, located at 5000 West 127th St. in Alsip.

Joyce Schaefer Hinshaw, Illinois State Regent will be the featured speaker with her program, "I believe". State Regent Hinshaw is a 25 year memeber with various local, state and national chairmanships. She has been on the State Board of Management as State Historian and Vice Regent.

The cost of the luncheon is $18.00, all members and guests are welcome. Questions may be directed to 708-532-[illegible]

Paintings displayed at the Library

Throughout the month of April, the Green Hills Public Library will be displaying the artwork of Palos Heights resident Louise Steinbach.

Louise has been painting, studying and teaching art since 1972. She has studied watercolor, oil and acrylic with Phyllis Kozlowski, John Howard, Gerald Merfeld, John Stribrny and Jean Szendrei. After more than twelve years of teaching art classes, Louise is now concentrating on creating original artwork. Currently, Louise is working with oil, pastel and watercolor in a wide variety of subject matter.

Take a moment to enjoy this collection during your next visit to the library. The library is located at 8611 W. 103rd St., in Palos Hills.

Cash dash outreach

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka, together with Stickney Township Supervisor Louis S. Viverito, will sponsor a Cash Dash outreach day on April 22, 2003 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, at the Stickney Township Medical Center, located at 6721 W. 40th St., Stickney IL.

The Cash Dash public search will allow citizens an opportunity to personally search their names or the names of relatives for unclaimed property on computers conveniently stationed in the Stickney Township Medical Center. After taking over the Unclaimed Property unit in July of 1999, Topinka and her staff have aggressively—worked on disseminating as much information as possible to citizens, in the hopes of locating the rightful owners and heirs of more than $1 billion worth of unclaimed assets. Currently, there are over 5.7 million owner accounts that the Treasurer's office has identified. Examples of items being held by the State include lost wages, insurance policy payments, forgotten bank accounts, stock shares, dividends and mutual funds, security deposit checks, the content of safe deposit boxes, unredeemed gift certificates and proceeds of an estate. The Treasurer's Office does not hold real estate.

With nearly $36 million returned to Illinois residents in the last year, it is estimated the state still has more than $990 million to be claimed in lost or forgotten assets. Almost one in five people may have something to claim.

Don't become a victim of financial fraud

Vivian Fountalas, Assistant to the Director of Personal and Office Manager with the Illinois Securities Department within the office of Secretary of State, Jesse White, will speak before the American/National Can Retirees, Wednesday, April 16, at 10:30 am, following a 9:30 am breakfast at Mabenka Restaurant, 7844 S. Cicero, Burbank.

Edward Surma, coordinator, announced that he will discuss the importance of protecting oneself against being a victim of financial fraud. Prior to joining the Secretary of State's office, Vivian worked with private industry and lending institutions in investigating environmental liabilities associated with real estate transactions. Vivian earned a bachelor's degree in Journalism from Loyola University.

Library announces programs

Egg Hunt

An egg hunt will be held at the Chicago Ridge Public Library, located at 10400 S. Oxford, on Saturday, April 19, beginning at 9 am and running all day. Children are invited to drop in to the library to search in the youth services department. Registration for the event begins on April 9. Register in person or call the library at 708-423-7753. Contact person: Constance Vanswol or Youth sevices Librarian.

Bingo

On Thursday, April 24, at 2:00 pm kids are invited to play Bingo and then stay for a movie which will begin at 3:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. No registration is required.

Rubber Stamping

The Friends of the Library will host "stamping up" on Saturday, April 26th from 10:00 am to noon.

Learn basic rubber stamping techniques and create two greeting cards, a decorative box and a bookmark. Visit the library to register and pay a $10.00 supply fee. For questions please call at 423-7753.

Post Office announces new hours

The Chicago Ridge, IL. Post Office is announcing new hours for retail (window) services effective Saturday, April 19.

Monday through Friday, the retail services counter will be open between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm. On Saturday, the retailer counter will open at 10:00 am and close at 12:00 pm.

The hours were changed to adjust to a decline in retail service transactions and mail volume at the Chicago Ridge Post Office. According to Charrier, the recent review of retail operations at the Chicago Ridge Post Office was part of a standardized procedure to help post offices match the availability of retail services to their actual workload. The Post Service is reviewing all aspects of operations, including processing and distribution, delivery and administration, to cut operating costs by one billion dollars annually over the next five years. For customers who only need stamps, Charrier says the Postal Service offers a variety of ways to buy stamps without making a trip to the post office. You can order stamps by mail by calling 1-888/ASK-USPS and request a "stamp by mail form" or by asking your letter carrier to deliver the form to your address with your next mail delivery. Stamps canalso be ordered by calling 1-800 STAMP 24 or online at www.usps.com.

Books of stamps can be purchased at Bank Financial which is located on 6415 W. 95th St. or from neighboring Postal Facilities such as the Worth Post Office, located at 111th and Harlem, or Moraine Valley Post Office, located at 7401 W. 100th Pl., in Bridgeview.

Annual Easter bake sale

The Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society will be holding their annual Easter Bake Sale this year on Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19.

Baked goods may be purchased at the Holy Cross Church recreation room, located at 7560 South Archer Road in Justice, IL. Doors will open from 9:00 am and close at 5:00 pm on both days. As always we will be featuring our Greek Easter Sweet Bread, breads, Greek pastries, cookies, cakes, cheese, spinach pies and other home made sweets.

For further information, please call the church office at 708-594-2040. Any help you can give us would be greatly appreciated.

Rummage Sales will be held

Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church located at 13401 S. Wolf Rd., in Orland Park, will hold a Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 3rd, 2003, from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm.

We will be selling household items, clothing, furniture, toys, games, computer equipment, sporting equipment and holiday decorations.

Confirmations can be done by phone (708) 448-8142, or by Fax (708) 448-8135.

Trinity Church

Oak Lawn's Trinity Lutheran Church announces the dates of its Spring Rummage Sale. This year the sale will be held Tuesday, April 29, from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm and Wednesday, April 30th, from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Bag Day will be Thursday, May 1st, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Everything that can be stuffed in a brown paper grocery bag can be purchased for only $2.00. Bargains include clothing for all ages, household goods, jewelry, books, toys, furniture and much more. Trinity Church is located at 9701 South Brandt Ave. (two blocks west of Cicero Ave.) in Oak Lawn.

Announcing Open House dates

South Side Baptist School (grades Pre-K through 12th) has scheduled two dates this year for open house for prospective parents. The first open house was set for Thursday, April 10, and the second date is set for Wednesday, April 16, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Founded in 1975, the school, a ministry of South Side Baptist Church, is located at 5345 West 99th Street in Oak Lawn.

For more information please call (708) 425-3435.

Retired Federal Employees will meet

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 1106, will hold their next meeting on April 16, 2003 at 10:00 am in the Oak Lawn Municipal Building located at 9946 Raymond Ave. (5300 West).

This nonprofit organization consists of retired federal employees, their spouses, survivors and current active employees who live in southwest Chicago and the southwest suburbs. NARFE gives expert advice and service with the many questions retirement and pre-retirement brings.

If you are interested in joining or need more information, please join us at this meeting or call 708-458-4990.

Greg Walder

Walder named Dean of Students

Greg Walder, currently a math teacher at Eisenhower High School in Blue Island, has been named Dean of Students at Richards High School for the 2003-2004 school year. Walder replaces Charles Hiscock, who will become Dean of Students at Shepard High School in Palos Heights.

Walder graduated with a bachelor's degree in mathematics from College of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois in 1992. He earned a master's degree in education form National Louis University in 1998 and a Type 75 administrative certificate from Lewis University in 1999.

In addition to teaching math at Eisenhower since 1992, Walder has coached football and baseball. He also coached boys and girls basketball form 1992 to 1999.

"Although I will miss the students and faculty form Eisenhower, I am very excited about the new position and the challenge ahead of me," Walder said.

Photo: Felicia James, Hillcrest junior from Country Club Hills.

Felicia James, a Hillcrest High School honor student, has been chosen to represent her school, community, state and region at a national volleyball tournament in Hawaii.

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity
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Breathing new life into a shattered career

It seems like ages since we've heard any news about Bob Greene, former columnist for the Tribune. Perhaps Mr. Greene is remembered most for his columns dealing with the plight of abused children, for whom he wrote with a passion. Through his reporting he gave a voice to the silent victims who, so often times, suffered at the hands of the very people responsible for taking care of them. His powerful, gut wrenching accounts of brutal attacks, on the young, heeded a call to action from loyal readers who counted on him to help unmask the ugly truth of neglect and abuse in our society.

Bob's own life and career fell apart in September of '02 when it was dis-covered that he had a sexual encounter with a teenage girl who interviewed him for a school project. That was back in 1988, but the recent revelation cost him his job at the Tribune. Three days after writing his last column, a 30 year career in column writing, came to a screeching halt. The littlest victims of heinous crimes lost their voice the day Bob put down his pen. Abuse and neglect are still being dumped on the innocent, the only difference is that now their stories don't reach us with the frequency they once did.

That's what I was thinking about the other day when I read an article about Bob Greene and his fall from grace. There's no question that he crossed the line when he took advantage of a teenager who probably looked up to him, only to feel disillusioned to see a side of him that wasn't particularly becoming a man of his stature. Does it make any difference that he sought help in the 90's for his admitted problem with a roving eye? It should. It's unfortunate to read about a man, with so much to offer, consider himself a beaten man.

It's a shame that a man once stood up and fought so valiantly for the rights of others, in his columns, cannot find the strength to stand up for himself. As a newspaperman, Mr. Green's reputation stood on solid ground. It would be nice to see his byline in print again. But for that to happen it would take perseverance on his part to reclaim the integrity that made him the respected and popular columnist so many of us followed through out the last three decades.

It is my hopeful opinion that he just may be contemplating a comeback, hence the purpose of the recent publicity afforded him by writer Bill Zehme in Esquire magazine, and an article written by Lucio Guerrero. This once shining star, in the world of journalism, now lives in the darkness of cynicism as he contends that his counterparts are enjoying the opportunity to kick him while he's down.

That may well be true but, speaking from a reader's point of view, I'd like to see him stand up for himself, remember the outstanding contribution he made to battered little lives and regain his self respect so that he can get on with his life. He owes that much to himself.

Consumer are urged to help monitor pump prices

With U.S. Military action underway in Iraq, Attorney General Lisa Madigan today assured Illinois consumers that her office will aggressively monitor gasoline prices charged at the pump. Madigan also is asking consumers to help keep track of those prices and report any dramatic spikes by contacting her office or by filling out a brief form downloaded from the Attorney General's web-site at www.ag.state.il.us. The form should be mailed back. Noting that gasoline prices can shift quickly because of normal market volatility, Madigan asked that consumers focus on reporting any sizeable price changes that aren't related to a reduction in supply. "No one denies that world events play a role in gasoline prices," Madigan said. "While the vast majority of Illinois wholesalers and retailers follow the law, we will be vigilant and call into question any company that uses the situation in the Middle East as an excuse to increase gasoline prices dramatically."

"By completing the online form or calling the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division hotline at 1-800-386-5438 (Chicago) or 1-800-243-0618 (Springfield), consumers' information will be collected to help determine if anything other than market forces are responsible for any price increases.

Earlier this month, Madigan led the Attorneys General of Wisconsin and Iowa in asking the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to examine whether some gasoline wholesalers and retailers in their states are taking unfair advantage of the situation in Iraq to push their prices higher. February gasoline prices in Illinois at historic highs and the highest since the fall of 2001 prompted Madigan and her counterparts to seek the FTC's review. "The best advice is to continually seek the price available in your area," Madigan said.

She noted a good source of information for daily gasoline price information in Illinois can be found at the AAA-Chicago Motor Club's "Daily Fuel Gauge Report" at www.fuelgaugereport.com.

Cook County Sheriff's office announces programs

Sheriff offers H.E.L.P. to local seniors

Representatives from the Cook County Sheriff's Office will be visiting with area seniors to offer important medical and personal information packets that can help seniors in the event of an emergency according to the office of Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan.

Seniors attending the following meeting will receive the "Helpful Emergency Lifesaving Packet" (H.E.L.P.) which is an emergency information kit designed to help seniors consolidate medical data in one place so it can be found quickly in the event of an emergency.

Little Company of Mary Hospital, Huff and Puff Club, on Thursday, April 3, at 1 pm. Located at 2800 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park. The H.E.L.P. packet consists of stickers and a plastic container in which seniors put a complete health information form. They place the container in an easily accessible location in their home, such as near their kitchen telephone and to indicate participation in the program, put a sticker on the door or window nearest the entrance of their home. Any Emergency personnel responding to the home, such as police officer or firefighter, will recognize the sticker and have access to the senior's personals and medical information. "If a senior citizen becomes incapacitated in the event of an emergency in their home access to their medical information and personal history can mean the difference between life and death. That is why this program is so important to the well being of our seniors," Sheriff Sheahan said.

For more information on the H.E.L.P. program, contact the Sheriff's Office of Community Services at (708) 974-6042.

Sheriff offers tips on avoiding scams

Represantatives from the Cook County Sheriff's Office will be presenting a new program designed to help senior citizens protect themselves against telemarketing scams, according to the office of Sheriff's Michael F. Sheahan.

Tips on Telemarketing Scams will be presented on Friday, April 4 at noon to the Greater Oak Lawn Seniors at the Oak Lawn Activity Center, 90th and Menard. Members attending this meeting will learn the do's and don'ts of responding to telemarketing scams and how to recognize scams by their 'prizes' and pressure phrases. "My office receives thousands of complaints each year about telephone solicitations, many from senior citizens who are confused or alarmed as a result of receiving these relentless calls," Sheriff Sheahan said. "This program will help seniors recognize these scams and avoid becoming a victim of them."

For more information on the Tips of telemarketing Scams program contact the Sheriff's Office of Community Services at (708) 974-6042.

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For further information, please call St. Albert the Great School, 5535 West State Road, Burbank, IL 60459 at 1-708-424-7757

Library presenting following programs

Puppet theatre

The Evergreen Park Public Library invites children of all ages to the library on Saturday, April 19, 2003 at 11:00 am to "Sail around the world" with Charmaine and her puppet friends. Please register by calling 422-8522 for this special program that is sure to please and entertain children and adults.

Poetry Cafe

The Evergreen Park Library, 9400 S. Troy Ave., invites young poets to share their original and favorite poems at our Poetry Cafe. Poets in grades 4-8 are encouraged to share an original poem in an "open-mike" format on Wednesday, April 30, at 6:30pm.

Anyone who reads a poem will be put into a raffle for door prizes. Or, you can just come to listen and enjoy some refreshments, please register at 422-8522.

OakLawn hosts appreciation luncheon

Area businesses can reward their dedicated employees and volunteers by sending them to the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce's Appreciation Day Luncheon on Wednesday, April 23, at the Hilton Oak Lawn, located at 9333 S. Cicero Ave.

The luncheon theme is "Nightclub at Noon." This two hour event will feature entertainment by singer, Catherine Smitko and guitarist Jeff Kust, following a delicious Chicken Parmigiana entree, door prizes and a long stem rose for all who attend. "It's a wonderful opportunity for bosses, employees, co-workers and volunteers to relax, socialize and meet up with others who work and help out in and around Oak Lawn," says Linda Olsen, luncheon chair.

The sign-in begins at 11:30 am and lunch will be served at noon. The cost is $20.00 per person. The luncheon is open to both Chamber members and nonmembers. Reservations must be received by Wednesday, April 16th. For more information or to make a reservation, call the Chamber office at 708-424-8300.

Palos Park Church events

"Requiem" preformed on Good Friday

Palos Park Presbyterian Community Church, 12312 S. 88th Ave., Palos park, announces the Chancel Choirs presentation of John Rutter's "Requiem" on Good Friday, April 18, 2003. They will be accompanied by organist, Linda Vandertann, harp, oboe, cello, timpani and glockenspiel. The service will begin at 7:30 pm., under the direction of Dr. Julie Rawls, Director of Music Ministry. A freewill offering will be taken. Child care is available for pre-school and under. For more information call the church office, 708-488-5220

"It's Elementary Astrology"

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The Monthly Forecast for April 2003
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*Water Signs: Whatever the challenges are, you seem to meet them better by taking your time, step by step, and make a plan that you can stick to. This is a time of "renewing" so, your health, love and potentials are also to be dealt with in this manner: change what needs changing and leave what works alone! H and M are involved. Scorpio born and some Gemini's too. Time to reflect.

*Earth Signs: Stick to dealing with family matters, mending broken bridges, and try to bring people together who may be at odds with each other. Your loved one needs more of your time and affection, what is called TLC (tender loving care). Unless you tend to your love you could be facing some real turmoil, even the loss of this mate. Be aware, take care and you can survive this kind of thing. A Capricorn and a Leo could be involved in a "love triangle."

*Fire Signs: Some people want more from you than you might be able to give. Know this, and know how to say "no" if you have to. M and C are involved in some kind of dealings that could bring much more money into your pocket! Someone B comes back into your life. You have a good deal of wisdom working in you, something called "intuition," but this must be worked with and not feared. Everyone is "psychic" to some degree, and your ability is soaring like an Eagle on the wing.

*Air Signs: You may hold back a lot over the many decisions you are being asked to make. You seem to do well for others, but your own are somewhat confusing. This is not a time to think about making major moves, wait till June if this is one of those decisions you are trying to make. You'll feel better, look younger and have a lot of pep if you would meditate and get some R&R (rest and relaxation). You really need to loosen up, work at reducing stress. One way to do this is to let things bounce off your back or put them on hold. M helps.

NOTE: In recognition of our troubled economy, and the war effort, I have reduced prices for my services. Call for information. I can see into anyone's YEAR ahead - my Personal Psychic Services are available on a One-on-One basis, in my office or by phone, taped for your later recall. Mini-Sessions at the following (6:30 to 8PM): Willoughby's in Palos Hts April 2nd & 16th; Tobi's in Palos Hts Mon April 14th; Oak Forest Bowl in Oak Forest Mon April 7th & 21. Call us for information or appts. Walk-ins welcome...Resrv are best. Call for Free Brochure of my Services 708-597-5866 or 597-6721 or write to P.O. Box 302, Oak Lawn, IL 60454. Visit my websites at TheDailyPsychic.Com and JackiMari.Com and Sherlockjacki.com (I am a Professional Profiler), and now MoreThanJustAstrology.Com. Have a good month!

Jacki Mari [Sherlockjacki]

Pictured are Trisha Kirdas with Cathy and Brigid O'Keefe.

St. Bernadette Mother Daughter Bowl

Mothers and daughters gathered on a Sunday Afternoon to enjoy a bowling outing together. The event was held at Bleeker's Bowl in Evergreen Park where the teams competed on the lanes. Following the three games, the group enjoyed pizza together. The event was sponsored by the Family and Home Association.

Multiple Sclerosis educational program at Oak Lawn

The Oak Lawn Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Support Group offers monthly educational sessions at the Oak Lawn Park District's Oak View Center, located at 4625 W. 110th St.

On Wednesday, April 16, from 11am., to 1pm., the group will welcome Dr. Ann Cirak - a Chicago based psychologist with offices in the South Suburbs, who will speak about dealing with the emotions of physical change associated with Multiple Sclerosis.

According to facilitator Mary Ellen Tiernan, the meetings are casual and friendly, and light refreshments are provided. Anyone affected by M.S., family members and friends are invited to attend the free monthly meetings. For more information on the April meeting or upcoming meetings, please call Tiernan at (708) 424-1407 or the Oak View Center at (708) 857-2200

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Celebrate Messiah in the Passover

Messiah in the Passover, a symbolic demonstration showing how Jesus fulfilled the ancient feast of Passover, will be held on Friday, April 18, 2003, at Palos United Methodist Church, 121st & Harlem, Palos Heights, IL, at 7:30 pm.

The service will be conducted by Rebecca Lohnes, a representative of "Chosen people ministries", one of the worlds most extensive ministries to God's chosen people - the Jews.

A traditional Passover seder table is set complete with all the articles of Passover and the speaker will explain the different items of the Passover feast, giving special emphasis to how they relate to the New Testament. Those present will participate at their own tables, sampling the elements there.

The unleavened bread, Passover wine, and entire program of Passover are instructive in understanding the Last Supper and the redemptive significance of the crucifixion. Messiah in the Passover gives the Christian community insight into Jewish traditions and the Jewish roots of Christianity, to help understand the common heritage.

This program is open to the public, and Palos United Methodist Church would like to invite the Christian community as well as the Jewish community to attend. For more information call (708) 488-0798

Stonegate offers Easter Sunday brunch

The Stonegate Conference & Banquet Centre in Hoffman Estates will present a sumptuous brunch buffet on Easter Sunday, April 20, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

An extensive selection of gourmet faire will be offered in atmosphere graced with spring blooms, fresh fruit and cheese displays. There will also be cookie decorating with the Easter Bunny for kids.

Entree choices include traditional breakfast favorites and seasonal salads while special carving stations will feature selections including herb crusted prime rib, whole smoked turkey and country glazed ham. Seafood lovers will enjoy selections including smoked salmon, chilled shrimp, oysters on the half shell and clams with a remoulade and cocktail sauce. Topping it off will be a grande sweet table with hard to resist offerings including and assortment of cakes and fresh pastries, dipped strawberries, gourmet cookies and ice cream sundae bar with assorted toppings.

Seatings will be offered from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Cost is $34.95 per person $14.95 for children ages 4 - 11 and complimentary for children 3 and under. For information and reservations call at (847) 884-7000.

Located in Hoffman Estates, the 33,000 square foot Stonegate Conference & Banquet Centre features a Grand Ballroom with a seating capacity of 700 guests. Other rooms can accommodate 200 to 400 guests, with smaller settings for parties of 25 to 100 people. A large lobby complete with a towering fireplace is ideal for prefunction activities. Landscaped patio areas and a new outdoor pavilion provide additional options during the spring, summer and fall season.

For information call at (847) 884-7000 or visit www.thestonegate.com

Oak Lawn Church will hold annual smorgasbord

The Oak Lawn Community Church, Presbyterian, located at 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave, Oak Lawn, will hold their annual spring smorgasbord, on April 29, 2003 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

There will be an array of home cooked food along with desserts and beverages. Admission for adults $6.50, children 4 - 12 $3.50, kids 3 and under are free. Bring your family and friends.

For more information please call LeeKrempotky at (708) 599-4025

Mother and Daughter Banquet

There will be a Mother-Daughter Banquet at the United Methodist Church of Worth on Friday, May 2, 2003 at 6:30pm. Entertainment will be provided by the Queen of Peace Choir. Tickets must be purchased in advance. $8.00 for adults, $5.00 for 5-10 and under 5 free. Call the church (708) 466-6682 for further information.

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Holy Thursday, April 17th at 7:30pm-Mass of the Lord's Supper
(including washing of feet and Eucharistic Procession) Church will be open until midnight

Good Friday-April 18th 1:00pm Ashburn Way of the Cross
beginning at St. Denis Parish Center
7:30pm-Litergy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord
The church will remain open until midnight

Holy Saturday-April 19th 1:00pm Blessing of Food and Easter Baskets in church 7:30pm Easter Vigil Liturgy (gather in front of Parish Center)

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Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan (center) congratulates Cook county Sheriff's Police chief Marjorie O' Dea and First Deputy Chief William McHenry on their new appointments.

Sheriff Names Top Cops

Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan Tuesday unveiled a new management team in the cook county Sheriff's Police Department, including the appointment of the first ever female Chief of Police.

Sheahan announced the appointment of Marjorie O'Dea as the chief of Police. O'Dea, a 27 year veteran of the Chicago Police Department, has served as a Deputy Chief in the Sheriff's Police Department for the last two years. She replaces Thomas Fitzgerald who retired from the Sheriff's Police Department Monday after serving as Chief for the last six years.

In addition to O'Dea, Sheahan also announced the appointment of William McHenry as the First Deputy Chief of Police. McHenry, a 24 year veteran of the Sheriff's Office, assumes the post after most recently serving as North Area Commander for the Sheriff's Police. He replaces James Malinowski, who also retired Monday.

The Sheriff's Police Department, one of the three main divisions of the Cook County Sheriff's Office, is the third largest police agency in the state. With more than 500 employees, the primary responsibility of the department is to provide police protection in the unincorporated communities of suburban Cook County. The department also contains many specialized units and plays a significant role in assisting other suburban police agencies.

In her role as chief, O'Dea will be responsible for all police operations within the department including patrol, gang crimes and narcotics, investigation, traffic enforcement, vice, child exploitation, community relations and special operations.

"Marjorie O'Dea is a respected leader who will bring a fundamental understanding and strong administrative skill to her role as Chief of the Sheriff's Police Department," Sheahan said. "I am confident she will continue to build upon the many improvements we have made in the department and provide a fresh perspective for our policing operations."

O'Dea, 58 joined the Chicago Police Department in 1974 when female officers held the rank of "policewoman." She rose through the ranks in Chicago working as a youth officer and homicide detective. In 1988 she was promoted to the rank of sergeant, a post she held until her retirement from the department in 2001. O'Dea has a Bachelor's degree from St. Xavier University and Master's degree from the University of Chicago. She is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

McHenry, 48, began his career with the Sheriff's Office in 1979 as a correctional officer at Cook County Jail. He joined the Sheriff's Police in 1981 and since that time, his career through the ranks from patrol officer to sergeant, lieutenant and commander. McHenry has served in nearly every unit within the force including patrol, investigation and vice. He spent a significant amount of time as a supervisor in the Sheriff's Gang Crimes and Narcotics Unit and has a tremendous amount of street level experience, a factor Sheahan said will serve him well in his new role.

"Bill McHenry has experience and familiarity with nearly every aspect of the Sheriff's Police Department," Sheahan said. "He will be a tremendous asset in helping to manage the day to day operations and I am confident that his experience and knowledge will translate effectively to our officers."

McHenry is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy and holds a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Arkansas State University.

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Memorial Mass planned

St. Laurence High School (Burbank, Illinois) and the Office of Alumni Relations will host its annual solemn mass of remembrance, honoring deceased alumni of the school, on Saturday, April 26, at 4:30 pm in the school's library.

Father Norm Trela, the school's Chaplain, will celebrate the Mass of the Resurrection. A wreath laying ceremony will take place at the outdoor memorial, weather permitting. Following the liturgy, snacks and refreshments will be served. Family, friends and relatives of deceased alumni of St. Laurence are welcome to attend.

Reservations can be made simply by contacting Mr. Ed Kozak in the Office of Alumni relations at 708-458-6900, ext. 253. If you have questions, or for more information, please call extensions 253 or 254 at the school.

Mom & Dad's night out

Looking for a night away from the kids? Leave them with the Burbank Park District. We will provide dinner, a movie, games and activities to keep your little ones occupied while you enjoy a care free evening away from the kids. This event will take place April 25, from 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm at Newcastle Park. The fee is $8.00 for the first child, $4.00 for second child and the third child is free. All kids must be potty trained.

Register now at Newcastle Park, located at 8050 S. Newscastle, Burbank IL.

Presenting fashionable lunch

Whitney's Bar and Grill located in the Hilton Oak Lawn will once again present our fashionable Lunch series. The latest fashions will be presented by Bellissimo of Oak Lawn on Wednesday, April 16, May 7, May 21, June 4 and June 18 from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm.

Reservations are suggested at (708) 229-8888. Enjoy a fabulous lunch and discover the new spring and summer fashions.

Activity Therapist meeting will be held

Attention all activity directors and activity personnel! The next Suburban Activity Therapists meeting will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2003 at the Chesterfield Savings and Loan, located at Route 45 and Route 30 in Frankfort, IL. The topic is, "Body Mechanics and Exercise," presented by Emily Giertych from Southwest Home Therapy.

This is a certified meeting, two hours of continuing education credit will be given to attendees. The formal meeting begins at 9:00 am and is immediately followed by the guest speaker.

If you have any further questions regarding S.A.T., please call Dolorita Framer-Gordon at 630-257-2950 or Lisa Geisler at 708-301-0800.

Remax World Long Drive announces competition

The RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship (WLDC) has announced plans to hold at least four qualifying events in Northern Illinois this year beginning April 19.

The competition format of the event is also being expanded. The Senior Division, which had been for competitors of 45 or older, will now be for those who are 45 to 54 years old and a new Super Senior Division is being added for competitors 55 and over. The Junior division is being subdivided by age, with Group A competition for those who are 14 and under and Group B competition for those 15 to 17 years old. Junior Division competition is open to those who celebrate their 18th birthday after Oct. 18, 2003. The addition of the Super Senior Division and the added level of junior competition continues the format expansion that saw the RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship add a Women's Division in 2000 and the Junior Division in 2002. The RE/MAX WLDC produced by the Long Drivers of America, Inc., provides an unparalleled competitive test for anyone who enjoys the challenge of seeing how far and straight they can hit a golfball. As part of the championship commetition, a series of local events are scheduled over the coming months across Northern Illinois. These events offer all interested competitors, men, women or juniors, the chance to test their long driving skills in a competition that attracts some of the world's biggest hitters. Northern Illinois qualifying events currently are scheduled on the following dates: Saturday, April 19, Monday, May 26 and Saturday, July 12, from noon - 4:00 pm, at the Double Eagle Golf Practice Center, located at 8500 W. 79th St., Justice, phone 708-458-9200, site director is Maury Jones. On Saturday, June 21, from 10:30 am - 4:30 pm, it will be held at the Golf Shack, located at 1631 Bell School Rd., Rockford, phone 815-397-3709 or 815-332-8345, site directors are Glen Stroberg and Don Blecker. Additional qualifying events are likely to be added to the schedule. The competition entry fee is $30.00 for men's Open and Senior divisions, $20.00 for women and super seniors and $10.00 for juniors. It entitles a competitor to hit six golf balls at a 45-yard wide measuring grid. Men's drivers must travel 250 yards to reach the grid; women's drivers must travel 200 yards. There is no minimum distance for juniors. To obtain additional information about RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship, call 888-233-4654 or go to www.remaxnorthernillinois.com.

Concert will be held

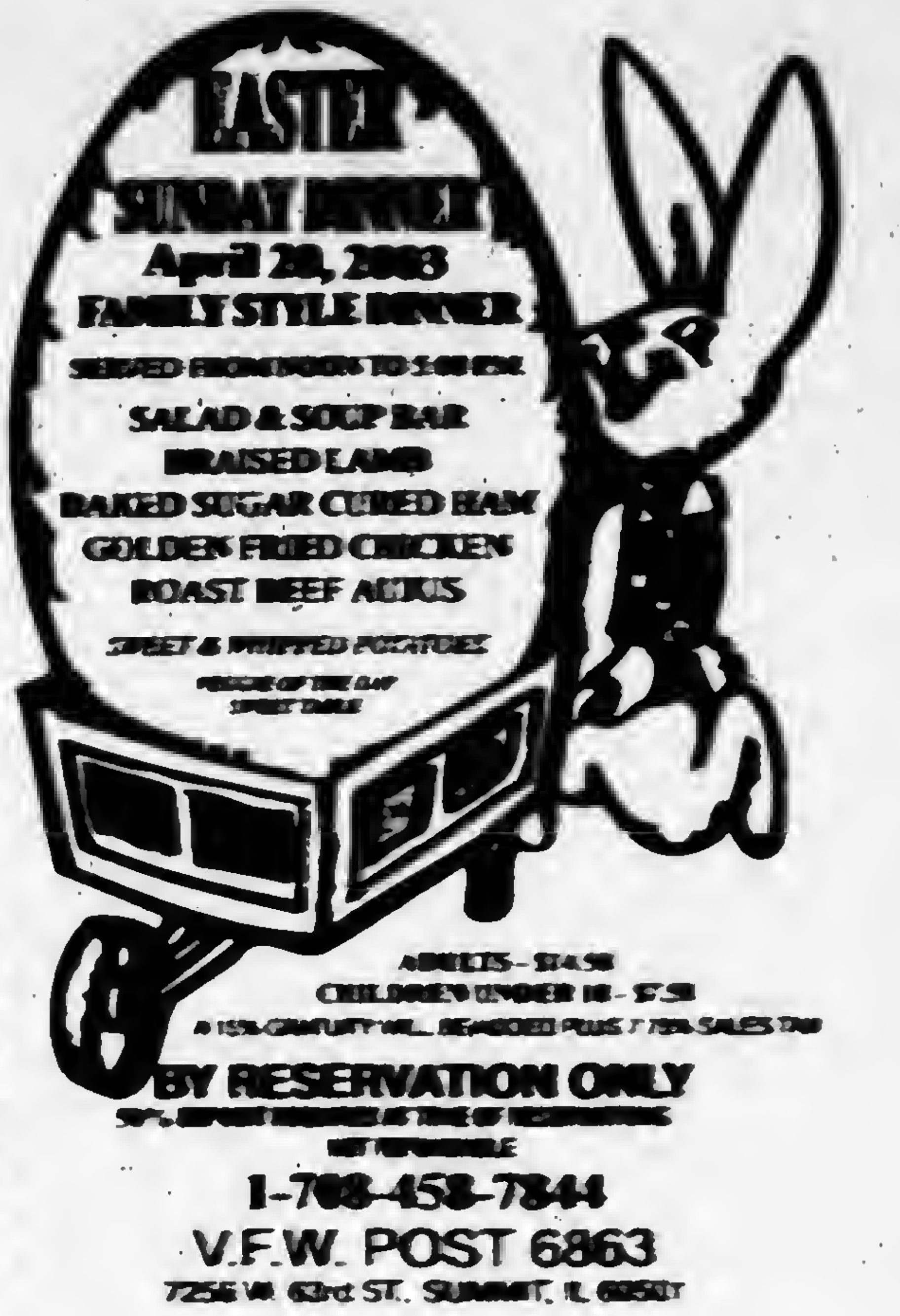
The Southwest Symphony Orchestra, the Oak Park District Voices of the Valley, the Grand Prairie Singers and soloists will present a concert on April 26, 2003 commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Richard Rodgers, an American icon.

The concert will begin at 8:00 pm at the Trinity Christian College's Ozinga Chapel Auditorium, located at 6601 W. College Drive in Palos Heights. Ticket prices start at $5.00 for students, $15.00 to $19.00 for senior citizens and $16.00 to $20.00 for adults. Children under 12 are free.

For a brochure or further information, please call the SSO at (708) 802-0686.

Announcing Easter Celebration

First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park, located at 9358 South Holland Ave. announces following celebrations. Maundy Thursday will feature a Fellowship of the Upper Room at 6:15 pm, followed by Holy Communion at 7:15 pm around the meal table. The events of Good Friday will be experience through a Tenebrae Service of lights at 7:00 pm with scripture, meditation and prayer. Easter Sunday celebrations begin 7:30 am with a worship service led by the Youth of the church. At 8:15 am breakfast will be served by the Youth. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Adults will be $4.00, children 5 to 11 years $2.00. Easter Worship will begin at 10:15 am with special inspirational music and the spoken word by Pastor Char Hoffman. Special celebrations are planned for the children during their School hour. All activities at the church are open to everyone. Call the church at (708) 422-8451 for information. Visit the Church's website at http://www.gbgm-usc.org/fumce.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Museum of Science & Industry introduces new exhibit ToyMaker 3000

ToyMaker 3000, the Museum's newest permanent exhibit that tells the story of modern day manufacturing. Envision a space where several robotic arms work together along side an automated assembly line, that puts together a colorful toy top. From gathering the toy parts to assembling them to putting them together, the exhibit's Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM) is the culmination of man's ability to streamline production and at the same time, free man up for the more creative endeavors.

Guests also have the unique opportunity to interact with robots and learn more about jobs in the manufacturing field at the exhibit's Career Stations.

Highlights include: 12 working robots, a 2000 square for CIM line which assembles 300 tops per hour and a colorful toy tops you can take home.

This new permanent exhibit opens on April 4, 2003 at the Museum of Science and Industry, located at 57th Street at Lake Shore Drive, Chicago.

For more information and downloadable images regarding ToyMaker 3000 or the Museum of Science and Industry, please visit the Internet at www.msichicago.org/press: ID: pr, Password: funfall, or contact Elizabeth Keating, Museum of Science and Industry at (773) 947-6005 or Jennifer Ickes, Museum of Science and Industry at (773) 947-6005.

Letter to the editor

I would like to take this opportunity to report that your Cook County Recorder of Deeds is continuing his request to move the Recorder's Office to the 21st Century with the implementation of a new cashiering and accounting system.

The new point-of-pay cashiering system is an improvement of eight-years over the current draconian system. The point-of -pay cashiering will return recorded documents to the public at the point of cashiering for walk-in customers. Not that the new system will not benefit the other category of customers, commercial title and mortgage companies and mail-in customers. All customers will receive improved service. Commercial customers will receive their bulk recordings at the end of the business day and mail-in customers will receive their documents via the United States Mail normal course of business. However, the real benefactors will be walk-in and commercial customers who will no longer have to wait days to receive their documents.

The new system is currently going through what is called a "burn in" term, a period during which the system is tested for glitches, is expected to last approximately two to three weeks, at the end of which the system will be fully implemented.

During my tenure, as your public servant, I made it a priority to improve the service the office provides. Earlier in my tenure, I implemented a new numbering system for recorded documents since the office is now recording in excess of a million documents annually. The new bar coded numbering system addressed the need for additional numbers beyond the prior eight-digit limitation in use when I took office.

This letter is from Eugene "Gene" Moore, Recorder of Deeds/Registrar of Torrens titles, Cook County, Illinois.

Pictured: Brian Culliat, Shane Sullivan, Dustin Courtright, Ellen Condron

Seventh graders studying probability in genetics

Seventh graders at St. Linus grade school in Oak Lawn have been studying probability in genetics in their biology class. Their teacher, Ms. Geri Brennen described how her students studied all possible outcomes of crossing genetic traits. Students then flipped coins to determine which traits would be passed on by each parent to their off spring. Alien "families" were then constructed to include both parents and six offspring. Both genotype and phenotype were drawn for each. This project provided for a variety of learning styles. Auditory learners gained their understanding through the class lecture, tactile learners by assembling alien family groupings and visual learners through the resulting science at work. All grasped a better understanding of probability in genetics and have a better appreciation for hearing how they look like their parents and grandparents.

St. Rita Cheerleaders take second at State

Kneeling from left: Krysta Michorczyk (Oak Lawn), Julie Sedwacek (Oak Lawn), Erica Bruno (Oak Lawn), Molly Sullivan (Evergreen Pk.), Dana Berti (River Forest), Krista Placzs (Orland Pk.), Megan Sullivan (Evergreen Pk.), Lauren Jaglowski (Chgo- West Lawn).

Standing from left: Brittany Wojcicki (Palos Heights), Stephanie Sterk (Oak Lawn), Allison Donenberg (Orland Pk.), Nicole Rafalin (Chgo - Scottsdale), Katie Coyle (Chgo - Scottsdale), Laura Koszalinski (Orland Pk.), Katie Strocchia (Oak Lawn), Meaghan Guilfoyle (Chgo - BEverly), Jaclyn Schuld (Evergreen Pk.).

The squad is coached by Jackie Bellar, Holly Baumgarten and Kim Williams (not pictured).

Doctor makes yearly trip to nurse the poor

Each year, Dr. Nick Andriacchi leaves his Chicago Ridge podiatry practice, bids farewell to his family and spends one week helping hundreds of sick people in distressed corners of the world.

For more than 15 years, Andriacchi has organized an annual trip involving other doctors, nurses and volunteers to help provide medical attention and support to the impoverished of foreign countries. The Oak Forest resident began coordinating the trips with Marantha Church, a protestant church in Evergreen Park. Aside from feeling as though he is making a difference, Andriacchi said the trips give him an opportunity to give something back.

His most recent trip was in February to a village in Ecuador. Andriacchi and nearly 20 other volunteers, including two physicians and a nurse, participated in the trip. By the end of the week they treated more than 500 patients. Andriacchi said the majority of illnesses involved parasites, intestinal worms and vitamin deficiency.

He coordinates his travels with the missionaries working in the area he plans to visit. In addition to provide medical support, Andriacchi said he tries to schedule his trips in conjunction with a construction project in the country. For example on the group's visit to Ecuador, travelers helped build a trade school under construction in the village. Last year on a trip to a mountain village in Mexico, the group assisted in building an orphanage.

Andriacchi noted the importance of medical supplies and medicines to these poor countries. Each volunteer is allowed to bring one suitcase and a trunk full of supplies, all of which are donated. Meyer Medical in Tinley Park is one of the trip's largest supporters as well as Janssen Pharmaceuticals and Medicis companies. Any leftover medications are given to the village's physician who works alongside the missionaries.

Tom Robinson, a staff pharmacist at Christ Hospital and Medical Center, has served as an asset to the trip in respect to pharmaceuticals. Robinson, an Oak Lawn resident, who has joined Andriacchi on four trips is responsible for assisting the physicians in selecting medications based on availability. Although Robinson said the group's efforts are small in the big scheme of things, he believes in the project.

Andriacchi recalled a unique experience that would remain in his heart for a long time on his recent trip to Ecuador. This last trip came on the heels of the death of his 74 year old father, who died of heart failure in January. Andriacchi said the day he arrived in Ecuador he was greeted by a 74 year old man about the same build as his father and suffering from the same condition. He consulted with the other physicians to help the man. Fortunately the man survived the illness. "I think my father was up there and smiling", said Andriacchi.

Andriacchi organized these trips around the world to countries including Romania, Colombia and Haiti. He is always looking for physicians and nurses to travel with him. He is particularly looking for a dentist to participate.

The chapel is located at 9731-9755 S. Pulaski Road and can be contacted at 422-4340.

Library closing

The Oak Lawn Public Library, located at 5300 W. 95th St., will be closed Easter Sunday, April 20.

Regular hours on all other dates. The library is open Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 9 pm, Friday and Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday 1 pm to 5 pm, mid-September through mid-May.

"Meet Mr. Lincoln" at the Oak Lawn Rotary Club

You will be spellbound when Honest Abe appears in person. Dick Anderson, in interim Presbyterian minister in Lombard, Illinois will be preforming at the Oak Lawn Rotary Club on Monday, April 7, 2003. Dressed in a stove top hat and a black suit, Mr. Anderson who has preformed for thousands including the U.S. Congress, Illinois state legislature, New York's Carnegie Hall, the Lincoln Memorial, NBC's Today Show and Ford's Theatre just to name a few, will reveal and wit and wisdom of our 16th president. He is increasingly becoming known as America's "Mr. Lincoln." Mr. Anderson's costumed monologue of Abe Lincoln will stir the emotions as he contrasts the issues confronting the nation in the 1860's with those facing us today. This unique and memorable presentation will also feature his resounding edition of such songs as the Battle Hyme of the Republic, The Gettysburg Address, Dixie and other patriotic favorites. Dick Anderson, who performed opera in Germany for six years has a remarkable voice.

Oak Lawn Rotary meets at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero at 12:15 pm. Lunch will be provided and cost for non members is $12.00. Mark your calendars for what promises to be an unforgettable performance. This is also a great opportunity to check out Rotary and see what it is all about.

For further information, please contact Chuck Goodie at 708-346-8802 or Dave Kobak at 708-361-0500.

Oak Lawn resident authors article in Bar Journal

Tom Kantas, a resident of Oak Lawn and an associate at the Chicago law firm of [illegible], is author of an article, "Maximizing your clients recovery under the federal Tort Claims Act." The article appeared in the February issue of the Illinois Bar Journal, and monthly magazine of the ISBA.

In the article, Kantas provides background about the Federal Tort Claims Act and its requirements. A provision of the Act limits recovery against federal employees to the amount presented in the claim. Kantas takes a look at a split in the federal circuit about exceptions to those limits and describes steps plaintiffs lawyers can take to maximize recovery.

The 35,000 member ISBA, with offices in Springfield and Chicago, provides professional services to Illinois lawyers, and education and services to the public.

Exhibit preview announcement

Guest from Chicago and around the world will "dive in" when Shedd Aquarium opens the new Wild Reef exhibit on April 15. Explore the Earth underwater realm of a Philippine coral reef - the most diverse underwater ecosystem in the world. Come face to face with more than 25 of natures perfect predators - sharks - or relax and enjoy the magnificent beauty of corals in the largest public display of live corals in the Midwest. Thousands of underwater sea creatures - small and large, colorful and camouflaged, friendly and poisonous - will abound around every corner of this one of a kind experience. Adults and children alike will get a glimpse of island life through this multi-sensory, interactive exhibit.

Pictured: Senior Ryan Klinger (Oak Lawn) goes through preliminary testing with a LifeSource nurse before donating blood at St. Rita's annual Blood Drive March 4th.

St. Rita students roll up sleeves for good cause

St. Rita Student Council, Senior Class members, and Activities Director, Br. Jack Hibbard, OSA, recently held their most important event of the year when they sponsored St. Rita's annual Blood Drive on March 4th. St. Rita students 16 years or older and faculty donated a total of 158 pints of blood that was distributed by LifeSource Blood services to local area hospitals.

"Our Student Council and Senior Class Officers challenge and encouraged classmates to show their Christian spirit by donating blood," said Br. Jack Hibbard, OSA. "This is one of the many ways St. Rita students show concern for their community throughout the year."

In addition to the blood drive, students also participate in weekly mission collections to aid Augustinian missionaries in Peru, collect food for their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, and take part in various other benefits during the school year. For more information about upcoming activities, call Br. Jack Hibbard, OSA at 773-925-6600.

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Rock n' Stroll High Chair

Q: My husband's grandmother left us some antique furniture including an old Victorian high chair that converts into a stroller and rocking chair. We noticed that the date 1876 is stamped into the wood on the back of the chair's frame. Would this mean it was made to commemorate our nation's Centennial year? What more can you tell me about it, and how much would it be worth? Maxine Benson, Long Beach, CA

A. Such chairs had nothing whatsoever to do with the celebration of the Centennial year and the date is merely coincidental. A patent was issued to C.A. Perley of Baldwinsville, Mass. on Feb. 29, 1876 for the design of such a chair, and if you look closely with a magnifying glass, you'll see the words and date, "Design Pat. Feb. 29, 1876," stamped on the back of the chair. Some models only converted into a stroller that could be wheeled about, while others (like the one you have) could be changed or converted into a stroller as well as a rocker, by pulling up a knob on a long metal rod behind the seat. Such walnut Renaissance Revival 'rock n' roll' high chairs were manufactured by Thompson, Perley, and Waite of Boston, and one can be found pictured and priced between $450 and $650 depending on condition, in the "Big Book of Antique Furniture - Featuring English & Continental, Colonial Revival and Victorian Furniture - With Up-To-Date Pricing" by David P. Lindquist and Caroline C. Warren available in a thick multi-hundred page edition, loaded with sharp black and white and color photos, and which lists auction houses, dealers, museums, libraries, and countless other sources, and covers all pieces of furniture with their origin, for $23.99 postpaid from Krause Publications, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990-0001. Or phone (800) 258-0929 toll free to order. Or for an autographed copy, write David Lindquist, 1213 E. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, NC 27514, or phone him at (919) 942-3179.

Q. Where can I possibly get a recording or copy of the old song "Deck of Cards" by Tex Ridder? Laura Peterson, Indianapolis, IN

A. This uplifting, stirring and soulful World War II song, about a soldier who used a deck of cards for his Bible was first recorded by Tex Ritter, and later by Phil Harris. Both recordings (transferred from the original records) are available (as a pair) on a cassette for $11 postpaid from George Silha (to whom checks or money orders should be made payable) c/o The House of Music, 2057 W. 95th St., Chicago, IL 60643. Phone 773-239-4114. Fax 773-239-9722. Also available from Silha (to whom checks or money orders should be made payable) c/o The House of Music's fore mentioned address) is an extremely rare two-hour long CD set of "The Golden Age of American Comedy" featuring 18 long skits by George Burns and GracieAllen, Bob Hope, Abbott and Costello, Jack Benny, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, Milton Berle, Red Skelton, Fred Allen, Art Carney, Henry Morgan, Arthur Treacher, Bob and Ray, Jack Albertson, and Mel Blanc for $25 postpaid, or on two (hour long each) cassettes, for $20 postpaid that'll transfer you back in time.

Q: I have a 1933 Century of Progress Chicago nutshell (being a walnut), which has miniature pictures of all the exhibits inside. Does it have any value? John Bishop, Highland, IN

A. According to World's Fair expert Rick Rann, the nut with all the little pictures inside, sells for around $20 to $25 to $30 depending on its condition and if it has original mailing tag attached hanging by a wire, which was addressed to whomever one wanted to send the nut to, and which required a 2 or 3-cent postage stamp. Collectors nuts about World's Fair items will gather and greet each other, at Chicago's 9th annual World's Fair Memorabilia Show at the Elk Grove Holiday Inn in Elk Grove Village, IL on Sunday, March 30, 2003 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. where a special display of Century of Progress items will be featured. For show details or directions, phone Rick Rann at 708-442-7907 or e-mail: rickrann@aol.com in Oak Park, IL To learn more about World's Fairs and Expositions souvenir items, and to enter a whole new world, write the World's Fair Collectors' Society, Inc. c/o Michael Pender, P.O. Box 20806-3806, Sarasota, FL 34276. Enclose $20 for an annual membership, which includes a bimonthly (six issues) Fair News newsletter. Phone 941-923-2590 or e-mail: wfcs@aol.com: members aol.com/Bbqprod/wfcs.html World's Fair and Exposition items have been issued since the mid-1800s, and some of the older items were manufactured by glass or pottery companies who had working kilns and furnaces set up on the fairgrounds. Many years ago, a 97-year old man gave me an amber glass bead in its original envelope, made on the grounds by Libby Glass that was given to him as a souvenir, when his parents took him to the fair.

Write Anita Gold, P.O. Box 597401, Chicago, IL 60659; enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Tinley Pk High Ranks 4th for Bears Care Contributions

Tinley Park High School's Student Council participated in The Chicago Bears Hunt For Food & Shelter." Under the guidance of the student council sponsor, Kathy King, and her executive board, students from individual classrooms engaged in friendly competition to see which class could raise the most money. Those that raised the most money were eligible for a variety of prizes, including lunch from Subway and continental breakfasts that highlighted Krispy Kreme pastries. In total, the generous students and staff at Tinley Park High School raised $1109.05. This total was then matched by 50% through a partnership with the McCormick Tribune Foundation. Congratulations to the "Titan Effort" as they ranked fourth place in the overall competition. The students and staff at Tinley Park High School are thanked for making a difference, as their contribution will be donated to pantries, and shelters in Chicagoland and support agencies such as the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, the Greater Chicago Food Depository, Habitat for Humanity, Haymarket Center, Boys/Girls Hope, Settlement House, and A Safe Place.

Titan Band Marches to Superstate

On March 25, 2003, Tinley Park High School's band director, Vince Aiello, received the honor of being invited to perform in the 2003 Superstate Concert Band Festival. The number of applicants was much higher than in recent years. The panel of judges who evaluated all performance recordings included, Dr. Mark Heidel, Director of Bands, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; Stephen Gage, Director of Bands, Youngstown State University, Ohio; and Robert Jorgensen, Director of Bands, University of Akron, Ohio. Only six bands were selected to participate the for the Class AA region. Tinley Park High School band members that will perform at the Superstate Festival include: Valerie Acosta, Randy Biela, Kenria Blue, Margaret Brown, Kathryn Carpenter, Joe Delaney, Vanessa Delarosario, Jamie Douglas, Jaclyn Dusing, Katie Feldkamp, Angela Foreman, Amanda French, Sarah Godette, Lindsay Harvey, Adam Hill, Erik Janzon, Tom Kletnick, James Lacy, Anna Landis, Margaret Mensing, Megan Moberly, Brandon Murphy, Becky Petro, Brittany Pierre, Tim Ryan, Sam Salwierak, Michelle Sombraske, Shannon Spector, Erica Strombeck, Heather Stueckrad, Ray Tennison, Kevin Turner, Anna Underiner, Jennifer Walker, James Walsh, Jessica Welling and Lisa Wilk.

TPHS's BPA Announce National Qualifiers

The students of Tinley Park High School's Business Professionals of America participated in their state competitive events on March 6-8, 2003, at the Regency Hyatt Hotel in Oak Brook. The students competed with 580 students from 43 schools across the state of Illinois. Tinley Park students took home 9 state awards in the Financial Analysis, Presentation Management, and Computer Technology events. Individual winners include: Alan Zamazal, 2nd place Financial Math and Analysis, and 3rd place Administrative Support Concepts; Denise Davis, 4th place Integrated Office Applications; Andrew Healy, 4th place Advanced Office Systems; Jessica Wortel, 5th place Advanced Office Systems; Renita Moore, 6th place Administrative Research Project; and Sharece Davis, 4th place Presentation Management. Team awards were given to: Alan Zamazal and Rob Ary, 6th place Financial Analyst Team; and Jessica Timm and Andrew Healy, 1st place Presentation Management Team. A final congratulations goes to the Ambassador Torch Award recipients: Sharece Davis, Rob Ary, Alan Zamazal, Jessica Timm, Nicole Dillard and Renita Moore.

Pictured: Constance Oswald of Cambridge Management Ltd.

Local real estate manager achieves CPM designation

Constance Oswald of Cambridge Management, Ltd." recently achieved the CPM (certified property manager) designation form the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM).

Being a 20 year veteran, Connie Oswald started out at the bottom of the management ladder and now is President and Owner of Cambridge Management, Ltd. She has obtained a designation as a Real Property Administrator (RPA) from the Builders, Owner and Manager's Association (BOMA). Upon achieving this goal, she obtained her Real Estate License from the State of Illinois in 1997 and furthered her studies by obtaining the Real Estate Brokers License in 1999. Constance was presented with the CPM certificate on March 23, 2003.

The CPM is awarded to real estate managers who have met IREM's rigid requirements in areas of education, examination, experience and commitment to a code of ethics. IREM, is a professional association affiliated with the National Association of Realtors, which is a non-profit association dedicated to the development and recognition of professionalism in the real estate management profession. Today, more than 9,100 professional property and asset managers worldwide hold the CPM designation.

Spring into safety

Spring cleaning sidelines 250,000 Americans each year. Do-it-yourselfers across the country are scrambling to get their spring cleaning chores underway. And if the past is any indication, a fair number of them will wind up in the emergency room for their troubles.

In the United States, approximately 87,000 people made hospital visits last year because of lawn mower mishaps, and estimated 88,000 victims were treated for power saw wounds, and another 76,000 were treated for injuries associated with other hand and garden equipment.

The safety professionals at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) recommend the follow.

Lawn Mowers

Before operating your mower, read the owner's manual thoroughly, noting all safety and operating instructions. Learn the controls well enough to act instantly in an emergency.

If you have a gasoline-powered mower, store the gas in a UL listed safety can. Fill the mower outside, away from possible ignition sources. Make sure it is on level ground and disengage all clutches.

Always start the mower outdoors.

Do not operate your electrically powered lawn mower on wet grass. Use an extension cord designed for outdoor use and rated for the power needs of your mower.

Make sure all safety guards are in place and keep the mower's blades sharp. If you hit a foreign object, turn off the mower and disconnect the power cord before inspecting for damage.

Keep your hands and feet away from the mower's blades.

Safe footwear is important, especially with walk-behind mowers.

Never leave a lawn mower "ON" while unattended.

Lawn and garden tools

Before using any appliance or tool, read and follow manufacturer's use and care instructions.

Before each use, inspect tools for frayed power cords and cracked or broken casings.

Always wear proper attire.

Pay attention to warning markings. Don't allow tools to get wet unless they are labeled "Immersible."

Never alter a product or remove safety features.

Check and make sure the switch is turned to "Off" before you plug it in.

Power saws

A blade guard is a necessity. Buy a saw with the guard you feel most comfortable using, and keep it on the saw at all times. Some types, such as table saws, cannot be designed with a guard, be especially careful to avoid contact with the blade.

Make sure the power switch is in the "Off" position before plugging in a saw.

To avoid "Kickback," always wait for the saw blade to stop before pulling away from a cut.

While operating the saw, keep the cord away from the cutting area and position it so that it will not be caught on the work piece.

Immediately discard saw blades that are chipped, bent, or in any way damaged.

Use clamps or a vise to hold work in place. It's safer than using your hands and frees both to operate the tool.

Sharp blades minimize stalling and kickback.

Keep children away from the work area at all times.

Wear safety glasses, but don't wear jewelry while cutting.

New safety requirements do not affect older GFCIs

Field research recently conducted by Underwriters Laboratories Inc. found that electronic components in a small percentage of ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) - especially older ones – can be damaged over time by power surges and radio signals, thereby reducing their capacity to prevent fire, accidental shock and electrocution.

GFCIs manufactured after Jan. 1, 2003, must comply with the new safety requirements for the devices in order to bear the UL mark.

"The spring season is a great time for consumers to start getting into the habit of testing their GFCIs monthly," says John Drengenberg, UL's Consumer Affairs manager.

"More than 400 million GFCIs were installed throughout the United States before the new requirements took effect," he says," and the possibility remains that some of them will eventually fail to work correctly."

To properly test GFCI receptacles:

Push the "Reset" button located on the GFCI.

Plug a night light or Lamp (with an On/Off switch) into the GFCI receptacle and turn the product "ON".

Push the "Test" button located on the GFCI. The night light or other product should go "OFF".

Push the "Reset" button, and the light should go "On" again.

If the light or other product remains "On" when the "Test" button is pushed, the GFCI is not working properly or has been incorrectly installed (miswired). If your GFCI is not working properly, call a qualified, certified electrician who can assess the situation, rewire the GFCI if necessary or replace the device.

Don't take a false step with ladder safety

Before you climb that ladder to do your spring cleaning, take a few moments to review some safety tips from Underwriters Laboratories. A little review now might keep you from becoming one of the 220,000 people each year who visit the emergency rooms because of ladder accidents.

The first step is to read the instructions included in the manufacturer's use and care booklet, which will contain important guidelines for weight and height limits.

"Consumers should choose the proper ladder for the intended task. For example, if the ladder will be used near electrical sources, consumers should use a wood or fiberglass ladder to reduce the possibility of electrical shock," says Drengenberg.

"Make sure the ladder has been well maintained, that the rungs are clean and all parts are intact - never climb on a slippery or shaky ladder," advised Drengenberg.

"When planting the base of any ladder, place all feet on a firm, level surface, not on rocks or boards. Spreaders, the devices that hold the front and back sections of a stepladder in an open position, should be completely open and locked before any weight is placed on the ladder. If using an extension ladder, don't place the ladder at too extreme an angle. Remember, different ladders have different safety considerations," Drengenberg advised.

Make sure your extension cord is the right one for the job

Not all extension cords are created equal. In fact cords that look alike might have been designed with entirely different uses in mind.

The safety professionals at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) encourage consumers to ask themselves three important questions before plugging in any extension cord:

Will I use the cord indoors or outdoors?

What is the total wattage rating of the appliances I'll use with the cord?

How far is the nearest outlet from where I'll be working?

Extension cords are labeled with valuable information as to the use, size and wattage rating of the cord. Cords are offered in many lengths and are marked with a size or "gauge". The gauge is based on the American Wire Gauge (AWG) System, in which the larger the wire, the smaller the AWG number. For example, a 12 gauge wire would be larger and can power larger wattage appliance's than a 14 gauge wire.

The first step is to decide if you need an indoor or outdoor extension cord, never use an indoor extension cord outdoor's. If the extension cord is suitable for outdoors it will clearly state this.

Before deciding which extension cord to use, read the manufacturer's instructions for the power tools you will be using.

All appliances indicate how much wattage is consumed when operated, that rating can be found on the appliance itself and often within the instruction manual. Once you have determined what wattage is required you must match this too the "gauge" requirement of the extension cord.

For more information on UL's spring safety campaign and tips on safe use of ladders, power tools and lawn and garden equipment, visit UL's web site at www.ul.com/consumers

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Oak Lawn garden club annual spring installation

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its annual Spring Installation Luncheon at The Old Barn, 8100 S. Central Ave. at State Road, Burbank, Illinois on April 24th at 12:00 noon.

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A $1000.00 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by the New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to anyone who has ever written a poem. There are 50 Prizes in all totaling almost $5,000.00. The deadline for entering is May 3, 2003.

To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, 103 N Wood Ave., PMB 70, Linden, NJ 07036. Or enter on-line www.rainbowpoets.com

"We think great spiritual poems can inspire achievement," says Frederick Young, the organization's Contest Director. "Our desire is to inspire amateur poets and we think this competition will accomplish that. Illinois has produced many wonderful poets over the years and we'd like to discover new ones from the Oak Lawn-area.

The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there.
—Lesley Poles Hartley

A bore is a man who, when you ask him how he is, tells you.
—Bert Leston Taylor

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Village of Orland donates van

The Village of Orland Park donated a village van to the Jim Mullen Foundation. Mayor McLaughlin presented the keys and title to the van to Athena and Maggie Mullen. Also present are village Trustees James Dodge, Bernie Murphy and Kathy Fenton, John Chmela, Executive Director of the Mullen Foundation, Mark Parente of the Mullen Foundation, and Chazz Van Bruggen Signs of Orland Park generously donated the graphics, paint and labor to replace the Orland Park village seal with the Mullen Foundation logo on the van.

Bremen HS holds Prom fashion show

The Bremen High School Prom Fashion Show will take place on April 11, in. All dresses will be selections from Eva's Bridal and all tuxedos from Modern Tuxedos. The fashion show will be right before the Spring Sports Assembly.

The Bremen Junior Class officers selected the models for the Prom Fashion Show from Senior Class members.

Pictured L to R: Topinka's son Joseph Topinka Major in the U.S. Army, Judy Baar Topinka, National Commander of AMVETS W.G. "Bill" Kilgore and her daughter in law Christina Topinka.

Topinka honored with Silver Helmet Award

AMVETS (American Veterans) have announced that Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka is one of the six outstanding Americans being honored with the 2003 Silver Helmet Award.

State Treasurer Topinka received the Americanism award at the 6th Annual AMVETS banquet on Saturday, March 22 at the Sheraton Premiere Hotel in Washington, DC. The AMVETS Silver Helmet Award, a unique silver replica of World War II GI Helmet has acquired a well deserved reputation over the years as the most prestigious of all veteran's organizations awards and is now known as the "Veterans Oscar." Prior award recipients include Senator John D. "Jay" Rockefeller (D-WV), Senator Bob Graham (D-FL) and former Defense Secretary William Cohen.

The Americanism award was given to State Treasurer Topinka in recognition of the initiative she has undertaken to promote patriotic activities throughout Illinois. These programs include "Valentine for Vets" day where she distributes valentine card to veterans in hospitals and nursing home, "Operation Search and Restore" aimed at reuniting service medals with their owner or owner's heirs and "Operation Protect and Provide" offering low interest loans for military reservists.

"We are extremely pleased to acknowledge the outstanding accomplishments of Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka in the field of public service," said W.G. "Bill" Kilgore, AMVETS National Commander. "Her dedication and passion to serving others has been recognized with a well deserved Silver Helmet Award."

A Leader since 1944 in preserving the freedoms secured by America's Armed Forces, AMVETS provides, not only support for veterans and the active military in procuring their earned entitlements, but also community services that enhance the quality of life for this nation's citizens.

More information on AMVETS can be found at www.amvets.org.

Tinley Park holds 45th annual golf outing

Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce invites you to participate in our 45th annual golf outing, sponsored by the Daily Southtown, the Star and Pennysaver.

Please join us for a day of golf, fun and food. Prizes to be awarded for low gross foursome (men, women and mixed), longest drive and closest to the pin for both men and women. It will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2003 at the Silver Lake Country Club.

Sign up to golf with your colleagues and friends, network with others throughout the day, enjoy a wonderful lunch and take a chance at a wonderful raffle. Don't forget to sign up for a hole sponsorship. Advertise your business, offer point of sales promotions, display new products, remind your current customers of your service while speaking with an audience rather than at them. All hole sponsors paid before June 15, 2003, will ensure their spot in an ad placed in the Star Newspaper, increasing your company's audience even further.

If you are not a Golfer, then join us for dinner, only $40 for a grilled steak and chicken buffet.

For more information please call, Christine, Chairperson at (708) 756-5103 or Dianne Hebel at (708) 532-5700. We look forward seeing you on the course that day.

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Parents browse through the athletic activity fair at the recent Bremen Open House.

Bremen High School hosts open house

Bremen High School recently hosted an open house for its fifth, sixth and seventh grade feeder school students and their families.

"We were very pleased with the attendance at the open house and were able to show quite a few parents and students what Bremen High School has to offer," said Bremen Assistant Principal Jeff Budz.

National Honor Society, Student Council and Varsity B Club took students on a tour of the high school. Bremen teachers and students were available to showcase class and lab activities as well as student projects.

"Mr. Collins was performing experiments in the chemistry lab, which was very exciting," explained Mr. Budz. The music technology class showed off their talents as well as the television production students, who demonstrated their studio and editing techniques to the visitors. Representatives from each departments were also on hand to answer questions.

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Battle of the Books

A battle was recently fought in Chicago Ridge, a Battle of the Books. Chicago Ridge Public Library hosted its first ever Battle of the Books competition on Friday, February 28. Twenty-eight local school students participated in a bowl type format, answering questions based on the twenty books nominated for the 2003 Rebecca Caudill Young Reader's Award. The award winning title is chosen through election by Illinois students in grades four through eight.

Teams consisted of three to five students from Ridge Lawn, Ridge Central, Finley Junior High, and Our Lady of the Ridge School. Three play-off rounds where held, followed by two final rounds to determine the winning team. The two final teams were a sixth grade team from Finley Junior High and a sixth grade team from Our Lady of the Ridge. The final round was electrifying, as neither team missed a single question, and the outcome came down to a split second tie-breaker. The team from Our Lady of the Ridge narrowly squeaked by. This team consisted of Mary Albano, Ryan Dwyer, and Shane Mrozek, coached by teachers Mrs. Forst and Sister Mary Kathleen.

Also contributing to the success of the event was the Chicago Ridge Park District, which used their van to shuttle students from the three public schools to the library and back again.

The Chicago Ridge Public Library Friends of the Library Group sponsored the event, purchasing copies of the books for all four of the schools, as well as giving gifts certificates to all participating students at the Battle of the Books.

St. Mary Star of the Sea On Track Singles

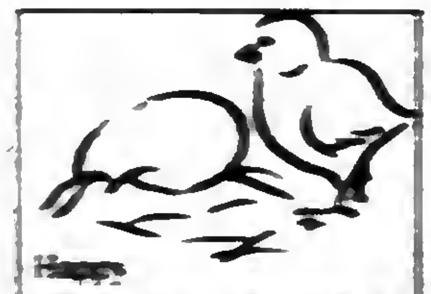
On Track Singles is open to all single men and women age 21 and over who have never been married, are divorced, or are widowed. Upcoming events run by On Track Singles are:

If you missed the Living Stations on march 12th, you have another opportunity to participate on Good Friday, at 7:00 pm. at St. Daniel the Prophet Church on 5330 S. Natoma. St. Daniel's renowned Chancel Choir will provide the music while yours truly will be portraying Jesus. (Note, this is your last chance to see me in my beard and long hair as I will be back to normal on Holy Saturday.) April 18th, 2003. For more information call John at 773-585-4242.

Prepare to be amazed and entertained at the Magic Masters Banquet, magicians, good food, and drinks await. Meet the Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th Street, Hickory Hills at 6:30 pm. for cocktails and table magic. Dinner is at 7:30 pm. The stage show is after dinner. Tickets are $25.00. April 25th, 2003 - Friday. For more info and to register call Bob at 312-401-8614.

We will leave St. Mary's South Parking lot at 1:15pm. to arrive at Oak Forest Bowl at 15240 S. Cicero, around 2 pm. We'll eat at Papa's Pizza at 160th and Cicero. April 26th, 2003 - Saturday. For more info, call John at 773-585-4242.

Join us for some culture as we take the Orange Line to the Art Institute. We'll leave St. Mary's South Parking lot at 10:00 am. Afterwards, we'll eat at Millers Pub at Adam's and Wabash. May 3rd, 2003 - Saturday. For more information or to register call Mary at 708-425-1075.



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Pictured: Back from left, Kristopher Bobb, Kent Bobb, Pam Bobb, and Matthew Walsh former president of the Foundation Board. In front from left: Amy Bobb, Judie Bobb, Robert Bobb Jr., Brooke Bobb, marge Bobb, John Donahue, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Gene Osmanski, president of the student government association, Wally Fonczak, assistant Dean of Student Life, Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, college president and John J. Daley, secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Moraine Valley dedicates Bob and Marge Bobb Student Life Center

Some 150 Moraine Valley staff, trustees and community members dedicated the Bob and Marge Bobb Student Life Center on Friday, March 28, during a festive ceremony that also recognized the support the Bobb family has given the college over the years.

Robert Bobb served on the Moraine Valley Foundation Board for 12 years until his death in February 2001. During his tenure on the board, he served as chair of the Scholarship Committee, which has awarded numerous scholarships to students. Bobb announced to the Foundation Board in late 2000 that he intended to donate $100,000 to Moraine Valley to enhance the college's student life programs. Following his death, his family fulfilled his wishes.

"Robert Bobb has made a difference at Moraine Valley," Dr. John Donahue, chairman of the college's Board of Trustees, said. "The strength of this college, like the strength of this community, lies in the talent and dedication of its people. One of those people was Robert Bobb. His gift will have a positive impact on students for years to come."

The contribution has resulted in the Bob and Marge Student Life Center, which opened earlier this school year in the College Center. The Bob and Marge Bobb Student Life Center has quickly become the hub of student activities at Moraine Valley. The center houses offices for Student government and student clubs and organizations, the Glacier, the student newspaper, and the Mosaic, the student literary magazine, a computer lab and lounge area. Approximately 700 students use the center daily; the center is open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays.

Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, college president, said that the center will support or serve over 11,000 students a year. "In ten years, over 110,000 individuals will participate in programs in the Bob Marge Bobb student life center. This is a marvelous legacy to a marvelous man and his family."

Matt Walsh, former president of the Foundation Board, also noted Robert Bobb's support of the Foundation and college, including his service on the scholarship committee.

"That was his driving force: student success and he remains a force with Marge Bobb and her family as evidenced by their continued support of the college," Walsh said.

For more information, please Mark Hirschmeyer, director of College and Community Relations at 708/974-5275 or e-mail [illegible]

Support your troops

by Carlene O'Connor

The Palos Hills City Council would like to support the troops overseas by making available yellow ribbons and flags at the community resource park department. Please call 598-3400 for more information.

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(Front, l-r) Beth Baird, founding member; Dorothy LaBianca, president; (Back, l-r) Pat Porges, treasurer; Dorothy Wolf secretary; Monica Stock, vice president.

Friends of OL library celebrate 25 years

The Friends of Oak Lawn Library will host an exhibit commemorating their 25th anniversary at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., throughout May 2003. A special 25th anniversary dinner gala will be held at the Hilton Oak Lawn on Thursday, June 5. Patrons may pick up a reservation form at the Oak Lawn Public Library.

In 1987, the Friends of Oak Lawn Library was formed by Beth Baird, a former library trustee, and others interested in creating a new awareness of the services available at the Oak Lawn Public Library. Since they began, the Friends have raised more that $210,000 to fund purchases, projects and public programs that are beyond the library's budget.

As volunteers, the Friends contribute their time and energies by conducting the library's annual and ongoing book sales, scheduling and implementing bus trips to various cultural attractions, coordinating short story and book discussion groups and assisting with open houses and other receptions at the library.

Each year, between 500 to 800 people join the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library. Membership dues are $5 for an individual and $8 for a family, which includes a spouse and any children under age 18. For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

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Village of Oak Lawn designates May as Historic Preservation Month

The Village of Oak Lawn has designated May as Historic Preservation month. "We are proud of our heritage, commented Mayor Kolb. Oak Lawn has a past so rich in History"

The Historic Preservation Commission installed its elected officers, Maree Anne Groah, Chairperson and Calvin Scott, Secretary, at its last meeting, April 3, 2003. Maree Anne Groah and Calvin Scott have served on the commission since its inception in 1997

"The Historic Preservation Commission's roles include designating historic sites within the Village, educating Oak Lawn residents of its history and mainly documenting the history of Oak Lawn", said Trustee Hurckes, the mayoral appointment to the commission.

The commission recently designated two new sites within the Village. Oak Lawn and the corner of 95th Street and 52nd Avenue, the Brandt Building Site. "Oak Lawn Lake was paramount in Oak Lawn's past as well as the Brandt Building", said Chairperson Groah.

Additional sites are pending approval for designation. For further information regarding the commission or the designation of historic sites, please contact James Webb at (708) 499-7821.

Check out Jacki Mari on page 4 inside

Take part in "50 States of Fun".

Entry forms are now available for the Oak Lawn park District's 2nd Annual Children's Clothesline Art Festival, open to kids ages six through 12. Children design a poster using crayons, marker, paints or other media on an official entry form, and submit the poster to the park district by noon on Tuesday, July [illegible]. This year's theme is "Play U.S.A.: 50 States of Fun"

All entries will be displayed at Memorial Park (102nd Street and Major Avenue) during the park district's Star Spangled Fourth of July event on Friday, July 4 from 9 am to 2 pm. First, second and third places winners will be selected in the following age groups: ages six and seven, ages eight to 10, and ages 11 to 12.

Winning posters will be displayed at park-district facilities throughout the summer, and their artists will receive park district related prizes.

"We hope children take this opportunity to think creatively during their summer break" says Julie Ryan, the park district's superintendent of recreation.

Entry forms are now available at any Oak Lawn Park District facility. To request to have one mailed to you, please call (708) 857-2225 or e-mail info@olparks.com

Safety Course for Bicycles being held

May is Bicycle Safety Month. The Evergreen Park Fire Department is sponsoring a Bicycle Safety Program on May 17, 2003. It will be held at the Fire Station at 9000 South Kedzie Avenue. The program will start at 10:00 am and end at 2:00 pm. Children ages 5-12 years old can participate. Parking is available on the north side of the Fire Station.

The Safety course has seven stations. The first station is for registration. There will be a representative from Schwin Bicycle Shop to look at your child's bicycle. He will inform you if there are any problems with your bike. The Evergreen Park Police Department will also be there. A police officer will be registering your bike serial number in case it is stolen. Stations 2 - 7 will test your coordination riding a bicycle. Bring your own bicycle. There will be no extra bikes for the children to use. Tricycles are okay.

Bicycle helmets are an essential to bicycle safety. The Evergreen Park Fire Department will be giving away helmets free of charge until our supply runs out. If your son or daughter has a bike helmet already, please bring it. We would like to give the helmets to children that don't have a helmet. In order of your child to participate in the course, we will give them a helmet. Once they are done with the course, we will take the helmet back. After the child finishes the bike safety course, there will be refreshments for them. McDonalds, (95th & Washtenaw), is supplying an orange drink for the children.

The Fire Department will give each child a participation ribbon that completes the course. There will be a table with may handouts on bike safety. If you have any questions, please call the Fire Station at 422-2148 and ask for the Public Education Division.

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Announcements for our Servicemen and Women

Marine Corps Sgt. Thomas G. Velasco, son of Patricia A. Velasco of Chicago, Ill., recently was promoted to his current rank while serving with 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Marine Corps Pvt. Kevin J. Johnson, son of Cheryl M. Johnson of Oak Forest, Ill. and Tim Purtell of Chicago, Ill., recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. The Crucible, 54 hour team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

Army Pvt. Raymond A. Villarreal has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. Villarreal is the son of Rovean Chuli of W. 91st. St., Bridgeview, Ill.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Michael P. Sullivan, son of Lisa A. Sullivan of Chicago, Ill. is participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom while assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), based in Camp Lejeune, N.C. since their arrival in country, Marines and Sailors from Sullivan's unit engaged enemy forces in Al Kut, conducted several successful convoy operations, including one 93 vehicles and began a rebuilding in the village of Hasham. The unit also went to the town of Al Rifa, where they removed large berms put in place by Iraqi soldiers.

Army Pfc. Lane F. Kreisl has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. He is the son of Mary Kreisl of S. Hamlin, Evergreen Park, Ill. and grandson of Margret Signorelli of S. Washtenaw, Chicago.

Army Pfc. Joshua Malonado has graduated from basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. Maldonado is the son of Barbara Burgert of W. 64th Place, Chicago, Ill. and Osvaldo Maldonado of Olde Mill Road, Plainfield, Ill.

Navy Capt. John M Broderick recently reported for duty at U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. Marine Corps Reserve Lance Cpl. Donald G. Ehrenhaft, Jr., recently was promoted to his current rank while serving with Battery C, 1st Battalion, 14th Marines, 4th Marine Division, Jackson, Miss.

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Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Ryan P. Hampton, son of Therese L. Hampton of Evergreen Park, Ill., is currently on a six month deployment to the Arabian Gulf while assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Fitzgerald, homeported in San Diego, Calif. USS Fitzgerald is one of the most powerful warships ever put to sea.

Oak Lawn's Ken Borchik and his fellow Sailors on board the aircraft carrier USS Constellation (CV 64) are taking part in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Master Chief Petty Officer Borchik, the 39 year old son of Mary Borchik of Oak Lawn, is the aircraft intermediate maintenance department's leading master chief petty officer. Pilots from Carrier Air wing Two and coalition forces continue to make significant contributions to strikes against Iraqi military targets, including Iraqi air defenses and surface to air missile sites. More than 700 Tomahawks have been launched since the start of operations. Borchik and the crew of Constellation are deeply involved in the task of liberating Iraq. They continue to work hard toward the completion of this mission while operating in the Arabian Gulf.

Principal Larry Tucker (left) congratulates Mr. Joe Inzinga, Heart of the School award-winner.

Heart of the School award given

Joe Inzinga, dean of upperclassmen at Marist High School, is the winner of the Marist 2003 Heart of the School Award.

Heart of the School is an annual award that is given to a loyal, trustworthy staff/faculty member who goes above and beyond to support the Marist mission.

Principal Larry Tucker comments, "As a long-time member of the Marist faculty, Joe is more than deserving of this honor because of everything he does for the school and, especially, the students."

Mr. Inzinga began his career at Marist as a student, came back to be a teacher, moved into the dean's position, and has been a faculty member for 20 years.

Fellow staff members vote to choose the Heart of the School nominees and final award-winner.

Founded by the Marist Brothers in 1963, Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street in Chicago, is a private Catholic school educating young men and women in heart, mind, and body.

Basic Training Completed

Marine Corps Pvt. Jerzy S. Tokarz, son of Mariola Tokarz of Hano-ver Park, IL. and Marek Tokarz of Burbank, IL., recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Tokarz successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Tokarz and fellow recruits began their training at 5 am, by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addit-ion to the physical condi-tioning program, Tokarz spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand to hand combat and assorted weapons training.

They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training. Tokarz and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps core values - honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Tokarz and fellow recruits ended the training phase with the crucible, a 54 hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began. Tokarz is a 2002 graduate of Bartlett High School of Bartlett, IL.

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas Speaks About Monitoring Your Mortgage Company

How Do I Monitor My Mortgage Company?
Some homeowners give their mortgage companies, banks or other lending institutions the responsibility of paying their property taxes. And this can be a valuable service. But mistakes can happen. What can you do to monitor your mortgage company as it pays your property taxes out of an escrow account?

Can my mortgage company pay my property taxes?
Yes. Usually at the time of purchase, you direct the mortgage company to pay the taxes. The lender then sets up an escrow account for that purpose.

Who gets the bills?
You do. We send it to you for your records and so you can track exemptions and special assessments. Federal regulations require the company to pay the taxes even though you get the bill. It can purchase a duplicate of your bill from us for a nominal fee.

Do mistakes occur?
Yes. Sometimes the homeowner and mortgage company both pay the property taxes. Then, a refund must be applied for and should go to whomever was not supposed to pay. If the company made the error, federal regulations require that it — not the homeowner — assume any financial cost associated with that error.

When do such mistakes happen? And why?
Usually, at times of change. When the mortgage is paid off, the lender may not advise the owner of the need to pay future property taxes. Or at the time of sale, when the lender doesn't advise the new owner of the need to set up escrow. Today, mortgages are sold from firm to firm, increasing possible errors.

What if neither my mortgager nor I pay the taxes?
You will owe back taxes and penalties. If unpaid long enough, delinquent taxes could be offered for sale, and you could even lose your property.

What can I do about this?
Be careful. Stay in touch with your mortgage company. Most property taxes paid by mortgage companies are fine. But you the homeowner need to monitor your mortgage company. When a tax installment is due, check with your mortgage company to see whether it paid and how much. If it didn't, find out why and see that it does.

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Jeanne Triezenberg, owner of Hire Order is a professional organizer and she will let us in on her secrets of keeping it all together on Monday, May 12th at the Oak Lawn Rotary. She has been organizing all her life, turning this into a business in 1998. A member of the National Association of Professional Organizers and the assignment editor of a new magazine entitled Balance, this promises to be a very interesting, lively and funny discussion. Please note the change in location for this week's meeting. This week Oak Lawn Rotary will get together at Palermo's Restaurant located at 4849 W. 95th St. in Oak Lawn. Meeting will begin at 12:15 pm. Lunch will be provided and the cost for non-members is $12.00. For further information or to make reservation, please contact Chuck Groebe at 708-346-8802 or Dave Kobek at 708-361-0500.

N.I.A.S.H.F. and women's division announced 2003 scholarship winners

by Annette Dixon

In the year of 2003, there were 11 scholarship winners from various communities throughout the suburbs. There was more than $16,000 contributed in scholarship money. This money is earned by member all year along with other funds that are given to organizations such as Sertoma, the Garden School for the handicapped, Misericordia, Hope Children's Hospital. To date, through the fund-raising they have raise $500,000 in scholarships and this is done with a nucleus of approximately 60 members.

The following recipients from our circulation area are: Julie Ann Mangiaracina, Oak Forest, (not pictured); Sara Jean McKinney, Oak Lawn H.S.; Becky Jean Raschke, Oak Lawn, H.S.; Melissa Marie Riner, Oak Lawn, H.S.; Anthony Joseph Stazzone, Evergreen Park, H.S.; Deborah Ann Zwirkoski, Oak Lawn, H.S.

Also, Woman of the Year and Man of the Year awards were given to two very special people.

Woman of the year, Donna Johnson was given the award for her tireless dedication to advancing girls' sports. She is affiliated with the Palos Stars Jr. Football and cheerleader for seven years. One of the most remarkable things about the Palos Lightning Organization is that it is the only organization in the entire USA that is nondiscriminatory. The organization includes mental and physical challenged children. Donna also coaches girl's softball.

In addition to all her volunteer work Donna and her husband own Inland Container in Bridgeview a Freight Brokerage Company.

N.I.A.S.H.F. selected 2003 Man of the year, Justice Robert R. Thomas, whose parents are Anne O.Ciavatta Thomas (Tomasso) and August Thomas (Tomasso of St. Charles, IL.

The Woman of the Year award went to Donna Johnson

Pictured left to right is Lester Grant, Evergreen Park resident; Justice Robert R. Thomas; August Thomas; and Joseph Ricardo, Burbank resident

Robert R. Thomas, a graduate of Notre Dame and famous All American who kicked the winning field goal at the Sugar Bowl in 1973. He continued to set many Notre Dame kicking records. After college he played ten years with the Chicago Bears and was the 3rd leading scorer in Chicago Bear history. Robert R. Thomas, the athlete was inducted into the Hall of Fame, April 1996, and NCAA Silver Anniversary Award Winner, January 1999.

After a 12 year National Football League career, Robert R. Thomas, practice.: in the area of civil litigation between the year of 1981 through 1988. He was elected as a DuPage County Circuit Court Judge of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit on November 8, 1988. In 1994 through 2000, Judge Thomas became Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court for the Second District. Since 2000, Justice Robert R. Thomas was elected Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court for the Second District. He is married and has three children and resides in West Chicago, IL.

Scholarship winners include left to right: Sara Jean McKinney, Becky Jean Raschke, Deborah Ann Zwirkoski, Victoria Talerico, president of the Women's Division and James Talerico, president of Men's Division of the N.I.A.S.H.F.

Melissa Marie Riner received her scholarship award from the N.I.A.S.H.F.

Anthony Josephe Stazzone received his scholarship award from the N.I.A.S.H.F.

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Twelve members of the Italian American Women's Organization in the South Suburbs contributed material for the above book which is written about three renown Italian women and many other famous women in the public arena of everyday living. These women were our grandmothers, mothers and every day heroes and they lived a life different from our 21st Century.

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***Water Signs**: Keep a more opened mind to getting more help and cooperation from people who formerly did not help you. Do a lot of planning to make your home a better place to live and relax in. Expect the unexpected when it comes to money making ideas and financial returns. P…S and C or K can help. Make decisions and stick to them.

***Earth Signs**: Where did all that chaos go? It seems that you have stepped out of the negative into the positive and should be a lot more cheerful and healthier too. Travel for both personal and business is indicated for some of you where you could meet new, interesting and more affluent people. If you are not married, you could meet "Mr. or Ms. Right for me" type person. T…V and C or K involved and someone who is born in Leo.

***Fire Signs**: Get involved in some kind of financial matter where you have something working for you when you are not working! Get the message? Okay, A…S and P could become your best allies, business partners, or new friends. Ask yourself: what is a "wowch?" The answer is "something so wonderful" it is difficult to explain because it is a "sense of well-being." You need not go far to "find yourself," and even less distance to "prove it to yourself" that you are finally on track!

***Air Signs**: Your mistakes of the past were lessons hopefully well-learned. Do not limit yourself by excusing past bad behavior or judgments, move on and into a new attitude and potentials. Joint money should be just that, "jointly" held and jointly spent. Some of you could purchase real estate, others can enter into new business ventures. A person you "used to know" reappears and it is a good time to have gatherings for pleasure. G, L and A can become involved in your plans.

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Harvard Business School Club of Chicago

The Harvard Business School Club of Chicago is launching a fellowship program for nonprofit organizations. The organization's upcoming 44th Annual Business Statesman award dinner, Friday, May 16, 2003, will mark the beginning of this initiative, which is expected to become a yearly program.

HBSCC is looking to select two executives from high impact, financially challenged Chicago area nonprofit organizations to attend selected program offered by Harvard Business School's initiative on Social Enterprise. The initiative was created by Harvard Business School to help meet the growing demand for advanced management skills at nonprofit organizations.

Increasingly, communities call on nonprofit organizations to address the most critical issues facing society, form the revitalization of cities, to the transformation of educational, health, and social service systems, to the strenghtening of civic, cultural, and social institutions. At the same time, today's nonprofit's operate in a more challenging environment than every before. Increased financial pressures, innovations in technology, and increased public scrutiny are just a few of the forces creating turbulence in the nonprofit world.

Courses offered by the initiative on Social Enterprise include:

Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management

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Strategic giving: Frameworks for decision making

The 44th Annual Business Statesman Award Dinner, a black time encouraged event which supports the Fellowship program, will be held on Friday, May 16, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 160 East Pearson Place, with cocktails at 6 pm., followed by dinner at 7 pm.

Frank W. Considine, retired chairman, president & CEO of American National Can Corp. and current chairman of the board of Loyal University Health System, will receive the coveted HBSCC Business Statesmen Award, which recognizes outstanding personal success in business, a distinct contribution to industry, and a distinguished contribution to the welfare of the Chicago community. Diners will enjoy a gourmet meal prepared by the Ritz Carlton's nationally recognized chefs. Individual tickets cost $250. Corporate tables which seat 10, sell for $2,500. Crimson Corporate tables, which also seat 10, cost $3,500.

Fellowship application are now available. For more information, please contact Winnie Lu, 847-256-4846, ext. 0.

About the Harvard Business School Club of Chicago

The Harvard Business School Club of Chicago is a not for profit organization with a membership of approximately 550 Harvard Business School alumni. Via its many outreach programs, HBSCC has for more than 50 years been a force for positive change in the Chicago business and civic community.

Orland Park's water conservation program begins soon

Orland Park's Water Conservation Program is in effect May 15th through September 15th of each year. Over the last several years, as the community has grown, it has become more difficult to maintain adequate water levels during the summer months.

Lawn sprinkling and outdoor water usage is permined only between the hours of 7 and 11, both am and pm, year round. Between May 15 and September 15 peak water conservation measures are in effect. All outdoor water usage is restricted to an odd/even address between and only during the hours of 7: am to 11 am and 7 pm to 11 pm on the permitted day. Conservation water rates are also in effect during this time for water usage exceeding 16,000 gallons.

Regulated outdoor water usage includes but is not limited to, all lawn and garden sprinkling or undergound irrigation systems for residential and commercial properties, all noncommercial car washing, residential pool maintenance and other similar uses, but shall not include water used for construction or building renovation purposes, commercial car-wash operations or filling of swimming pools.

Newly sodded lawns may be water more frequently upon application for and a receipt of a special permit from the Public Works Department. Those violating the Village's water usage provisions are subject to fines up to $750 for each offense. Each day of violation and each violating location shall be considered a separate offense.

Questions regarding lawn sprinkling or outdoor water usage may be directed to the Public Works Department at 403-6350.

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Pictured from L to R: Katie Mickas, Audrey Nowak, Lauren Markese, Pam Powell and Jennifer Grzybek.

Students from St. Xavier help grade students

Four graduate students from St. Xavier University come in weekly to work with grade school students at St. Linus who are having trouble with speech. Pam Powell is the speech pathologist at St. Linus Catholic Grammar School in Oak Lawn. She is in charge of the graduate students.

They work with students who suffer from articulation disorders, language, voice, or fluency problems. Through this type of assistance the students are able to read, speak and listen better. They become more confident with themselves and this allows them to succeed in their studies.

Presenting the Dixie Dash

The Dixie Dash, a vintage vehicle event along the historic Dixie Highway last year, will be repeated with new innovations on Saturday, June 21. Communities from Blue Island to Momence will host an Automotive Triventure for vehicles 1975 or older. The event is being organized by the A's R Us Chicago Southland Chapter of Model A Ford Club of America.

The Triventure will provide three options for participants. All entries will participate in a parade of vehicles. Vintage police, fire and military vehicle are also invited to participate in the parade. At a half way point, after lunch is served, some may continue along the 45 mile historic parade route while others will select to enter the fun of a Poker run or participate in the challenge of a TSD Rally (time, speed, distance.)

The fee to participate in the parade only is $15.00 per entry. (\$5.00 for each additional person.) The fee for the Poker Run is $35.00 per entry (\$5.00 for each additional person.) The fee for the TSD Rally is $80.00 per entry with only two people allowed in the vehicle. There will be cash prizes for the poker run and the TSD Rally.

Dixie Highway towns will sponsor special activities for residents and visitors. The Dixie Dash Triventure will culminate at an all day festival celebration in Momence at an island park where the vintage vehicle entries will be on display. The inaugural Dixie Dash brought enthusiastic comments from participants who labeled it "The best car event in years!". "We didn't know we would be celebrities for a day." "The drive-by in the towns was great." "All of our friends read about it in the newspapers and asked us about it." Complexity of the TSD rally was quite good."

For general information about the community activities or the history of the Dixie Highway, call Elaine Egdorf at 708/596-6302 or visit the website DIXIEDASH.COM.

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Marian HS Calendar items

Thursday, May 1 - alumni luncheon for class of 2003, 11 a.m. (outside).
Friday, May 2 - Spring Band Concert, 7:30 p.m. in East Gym. Free admission.
Saturday, May 3 - Gospel Choir Concert, 6:30 p.m. in Theatre.

Choosing to Live With ALS

by Steven and Jennifer Bishop

May is ALS Awareness Month, and we hope you'll take a few moments to give some thought to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. If you're not very familiar with that disease name, we understand. We were only mildly aware of Lou Gehrig's disease until March 2001, when it hit our family like a sledge

That's the way ALS is. Scientists have some ideas about what causes it, but they don't know for sure, so it usually strikes out of the blue. It hits adults in the prime of life, and it can strike anyone.

ALS starts with generalized muscle weakness, and eventually leads to virtually complete paralysis. For most people, it progresses pretty rapidly, and it takes away the ability speak, then the capacity to breathe without assistance. The average survival is three to five years, though with newer respiratory equipment available, life expectancy is gradually increasing.

ALS entered our lives just as Steven was enjoying the greatest potential for growth in his sales career in the telecommunications industry. He was looking forward to many years in his role as father of our now 5-year-old son, Christopher.

Needless to say, we initially struggled with what this diagnosis meant for our family's future. We've held on to a positive attitude, and every time we hear that prognosis of three to five years, we remind ourselves that no one really knows how long

nosis of three to five years, we remind ourselves that no one really knows how long someone will live.

Whatever the number of years we may have, we're determined to make it a time of quality, with a focus on our child. If ALS has a blessing, it's that it's helped us focus on what matters most.

Backing up our determination and our hope are the services of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. As the world's leading provider of services for people with ALS and the research to defeat the disease, MDA gives us an important rock to lean on.

MDA offers the 30,000 Americans with ALS the best in expert medical care through its 29 MDA/ALS centers at major universities and its 230 MDA outpatient clinics across the country. It also helps people buy needed equipment such as wheelchairs and communication devices, and provides a steady stream of information about medical care and research findings.

To date, MDA has spent $140 million in ALS services and a worldwide research

clinical trials of drugs that could affect the disease progression, and are pursuing every lead that comes up.

We've found particular comfort and strength by connecting with others who have this horrible disease through an MDA-sponsored support group. Support groups allow us to learn from ALS "veterans" and to share information with those just joining the fight.

We've chosen to see ourselves as living - not dying - with ALS. We're grateful to all of you whose support enables MDA to help us keep fighting.

Steven and Jennifer Bishop of Arvada, Colo., serve as co-chairpersons of MDA's ALS Division. Information about ALS and MDA's ALS program is available at www.als.mdausa.org or by calling (800) 572-1717.

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Announcements from De La Salle

De La Salle announces dates for summer camps and programs

Displaying its commitment to offering the young women and young men of Chicago every opportunity to better themselves, De La Salle Institute will again be hosting a variety of camps and programs this summer. De La Salle's summer excel program is open to motivated students in Grades 4-8. It allows students to learn about Technology, Art, English, History, Math, Science and Physical Education. The summer excel program will be held on June 23 - July 3 and July 7 - 17, 2003 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at De La Salle's main campus located at 3455 S. Wabash Ave. The cost is $75 per student. The deadline to register for session I is June 13, while the deadline for session II is June 27.

De La Salle also will be offering camps in football (July 7-10, July 14-17, for $ 50), wrestling (June 16-20, for $40), golf (July 7-11, for $65), basketball (July 7-11, for $75 for grades 6-8 and $40 for grades 3-5), soccer (June 16-20, for $45), band (June 23-27, for $650), baseball (July 7-11, for $60), track and field (July 14-18, for $50), girls volleyball (July 14-18, for $50) and girls softball (July 21-25, for $ 50).

For more information, please contact De La Salle's Director of admissions, Mr. John F. Brogan, at (312) 842-7355 ext. 114.

De La Salle Institute West Campus holds National Honor Society Inductions

On April 10, 2003, 22 of the best and brightest young women from De La Salle Institute inducted into the De La Salle Institute Lourdes Hall Chapter of the National Honor Society during the National Honor Society (NHS) Induction and Honors Convocation ceremonies held at De La Salle Institute West Campus - Lourdes Hall, 1040 W. 32nd Pl. Officers for the NHS and Second - Year Members are President Amanda Vasquez , Vice - President Vanessa Godinez , Secretary Gabriela Juarez and Treasurer Alicia Diaz. Karla Quezada is also a Second - Year Member. First - Year Member include Maria Arreguin , Britnei Clark Nancy Herrera , Cosima Tines and Cristina Valencia. Spring Inductees include Erica Acosta, Audrey Anderson, Mary-Ellen Coates, Jazmine Guzman , Lynelle Hopkins, Christina Luque, Vanessia Mackmore, Athena Melton , Denise Ramirez , Deanna Sandoval, Shawn Sanford and Cameron Todd . The Master of Ceremonies was Associate Principal Ms. Diane Brown, the invocation was given by Associate Principal and Campus Minister Sister Josita Krzeminski, SSJ-TOSF, and the NHS Certificates were conferred by De La Salle Institute Principal Mr. James Krygier. To be inducted into the society, students are required to embody the four key elements of the NHS oath which are scholarship, service. Leadership and character. During the NHS Induction Program, a significant candle lighting ceremony took place to highlight these four key elements. It was led by NHS Vice - President Vanessa Godinez who lit the candle representing Scholarship. De La Salle Institute is proud of this special group of young women and congratulates each of them on their induction into the De La Salle Institute - Lourdes Hall Chapter of the National Honor Society.

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Village of EP announces road work

The village of Evergreen Park would like to remind everyone, to use alternate routes when driving through the village between 87th and 95th of Kedzie. New traffic signals and new left turn lanes will be installed at the intersection of 94th & Kedzie which would make it a much safer and pedestrian friendly intersection once the work is completed. Completion of the project is expected around the middle of August, 2003.

If you do intend to use this thoroughfare, please be aware of all traffic signs and obey them properly. Drive slowly and use extreme caution. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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Meany to be honored

Commissioner Kathleen Therese Meany, who is also Vice President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will be honored from 5 to 7 pm on Thursday, May 22, at the Parthenon Restaurant, 314 S. Halsted St.

Meany was elected to the District in 1990 and re-elected in 1996. She has been Vice President since 1994.

The commissioner has been a teacher, for many years, with the City Colleges of Chicago were she teaches Political Science. She holds a bachelor of arts from Roosevelt University and master's degree from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Aviation experts conclude O'Hare International Airport expansion plan fundamentally flawed

Elk Grove Village, IL. A team of nationally recognized aviation experts today said Chicago's plans for modernizing O'Hare International Airport are so flawed that they will adversely affect not just the Chicago area, but the entire national air transportations safety system.

The 14 member team, led by Joseph M. Del Balzo, former acting administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and J.E. Murdock III, former FAA Chief Counsel, called Chicago's "O'Hare Modernization Plan" a "blueprint for failure." The team's credential includes years of executive and technical experience with the FAA and in the private sector, including some with United Airlines, which has pushed for O'Hare expansion.

The team concluded that the plan is ill conceived and fundamentally flawed on several counts for starters, the proposed runways are too closely spaced and cannot be safely operated together at full capacity during periods of low visibility and clouds. That will result in massive air traffic delays, contrary to Chicago's assertions that delays will be reduced by more than 90 percent. The additional runway capacity will be unable to handle multiple, simultaneous operations even in good weather condition, and in bad weather, when the additional runways are needed most, they will not be usable. The delays will be made even worse because of the greater number of flights that will be scheduled based on the expanded airport.

The panel, after months of study, also concluded that the larger number of runway and taxiway crossings required by the new runways configuration, coupled with the huge increase in volume, will greatly increase the risk of hazardous runway incursions. Another safety concern is the loss of the existing crosswind runway capability under the proposed six runway east west parallel configuration. It will be especially dangerous in winter, when O'Hare no longer will have any runways pointing into the strong, northwest winter winds.

Some other concerns:

Trying to cram too many flights into too little space will dramatically increase congestion and delay.

O'Hare expansion will not accommodate projected regional demand.

Too many flights will be squeezed into too little airspace.

Expansion construction will be a logistical nightmare, disrupting operations for more than a decade and causing massive security concerns

O'Hare expansion flunks the cost benefit test, it will not be eligible for significant federal funding. Chicago continues to hide the true expansion costs and a viable financing plan. The best estimates are that the true cost will approach $20 billion, far exceeding the projected economic benefits.

Chicago's claimed economic benefits are illusory and unattainable. Because the expansion would actually increase delays and congestion., it would drive jobs and economic development out of the region.

Chicago is hiding the details and data regarding its O'Hare expansion proposal from the public scrutiny.

The expansion will devastate the environmental and local communities by creating far more air and noise pollution, destroying home and business, cutting into tax bases and clogging highways.

Chicago is attempting to undercut the federal review processes by rushing to implement the expansion before the master planning and federal environmental review processes have been completed. The expansion plan has failed to meet the standards of coordinated metropolitan area wide system planning.

The panel's analysis is the first done in the sunshine by anyone other than those hired by Chicago or expansion promoters. The team of experts did not mince words at the audaciousness of a plan that has bypassed regular planning reviews and is being pushed for quick approval by political interests. While Chicago has kept from public view the underlying demand and other data on which it stakes its claims, the expert panel found that the expansion plan is fundamentally flawed in its concept.

For example, Chicago's claim of a 95 percent delay reduction appears to be based on "the preposterous assumption that there will be zero growth in aviation demand. Given the projected growth in aviation demand and the cramped capacity limited nature of the runway design...overall delays will increase.. not decrease"

The professional and technical backgrounds of those who did the analysis are unassailable. Del Balzo, now President of JDA Aviation Technology Solutions, also served as Deputy Administrator and Executive Director for System Development of the FAA. His company offers a wide range of communications, navigation, surveillance/air traffic management, airport and airspace planning, safety, security, training and technology application support. Murdock, as a member of the Washington firm of Shaw Pittman, LLP, continues to work on air traffic and airport expansion issues. While at United Airline, Murdock wrote many of the company's policy statements on O'Hare Airport.

"The talent we have assemble to analyze the O'Hare project is remarkable and perhaps unprecedented in this setting," said John Geils, Bensenville Village President.

Bensenville, along with Elk Grove Village and Park Ridge, funded the evaluation, giving the experts a free hand to come to their own conclusions. The three communities are most impacted by the proposed expansion. "We have held nothing back. Unlike, Chicago which makes wild and incredible claims in glossy brochures, we are giving the public the sort of fair, comprehensive and expert analysis that it deserves."

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Marian Students selected for American Legion State

Four Marian Catholic women and two men have earned full scholarships to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Illini State 63rd Session on June 15-21 on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. Park Forest Unit #1198 awarded scholarships to Felicia Ojo, Abby Sullivan, Shelly Wohadlo and Emily Taffe (alternate) for women and Steve Gniadecki and Drew Rawlings for men. Illini State is a mythical government program using Illinois government as a pattern. The program provides citizenship training for junior men and women. Selection was based on honesty, leadership, goodcharacter and cooperation.

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Successful Easter food drive at Marist

Marist Mission Committee members work hard after school to sort the donated food for delivery.

Once again, the Marist Mission Committee worked hard during the month of April to collect donations for the 2003 Easter Food Drive. An enormous amount of food was donated by Marist students and staff, which will go to parishes in our community. The food drive wrapped up just before Spring Break with the Mission successfully providing the makings for an Easter feast to area families in-need.

Founded by the Marist Brothers in 1963, Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street in Chicago, is a private Catholic school educating young men and women in heart, mind, and body.

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Mothers valued at McDonald's

Children covered in pancake batter, the kitchen a mess, the smell of burning toast and a child carrying weak coffee up the white carpeted staircase. Visions of disaster that began with the best of intentions for a special holiday celebration, Mother's Day.

This Mother's Day, the local McDonald's operators are helping really treat their Mothers to breakfast, without straining the wallet or staining the carpet. On Sunday, May 11, 2003, during breakfast hours, McDonald's will pick up the tab for Mom. Buy one McDonald's breakfast extra value meal and Mom's breakfast extra value meal is free. McDonald's owners of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana consists of 480 restaurants stretching from Zion to Watseka and Princeton to Michigan City, Indiana. As part of its ongoing community efforts, McDonald's supports various charitable and educational programs.

What baby boomers should know about stroke

Baby boomers know as much about stroke as the average American, but they're in denial about the looming threat of America's No. 3 Killer in their own lives, a recent survey shows.

In a February 2003 survey of 1,000 adults, the American Stroke Association found that most baby boomers know the stroke warning signs and what to do if someone has a stroke, but they don't realize that they are moving closer to the age of 55, when their own stroke risk begins to double. Respondents, who reflected the diversity of the general population were asked: "When does your risk for stroke increase?" They consistently gave an age greater than their own. Even those 55 or older believed that their risk for stroke increased in the distant future. Worse, most aren't concerned about stroke as a health threat in general. So why doesn't stroke worry baby boomers, who as each birthday passes, are at greater risk of stroke? One third of respondents said: "I can't prevent a stroke, so why worry?" Various factors affect your risk for stroke. These include uncontrollable factors, such as family history, age and gender. But some factors are controllable, such as high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure and smoking. By quitting smoking, working with your doctor to treat high cholesterol and high blood pressure, eating healthful and exercising, you can reduce your stroke risk. Stroke can occur at any time, at any age, to anyone. It's important to recognize the signs of stroke and seek treatment. Never dismiss the signs of stroke because you believe that you or someone having symptoms is "too young." In addition, while some people are at a lower risk for stroke than others, those who have the highest risk have a combination of factors including a family history of stroke, existing cardiovascular conditions, high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure, a history of heart attack or stroke, tobacco use and age greater than 55. In addition, if you are overweight or obese, follow sound dietary advice and engage in physical activity to control your weight. Take action to reduce your risk for stroke.

The more people you know who can recognize stroke, the better off you are if you have one. If you recognize the signs of stroke in yourself or another person, call 9-1-1 immediately to get to a hospital quickly. The signs of stroke are: sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; sudden severe headache with no known cause. For additional stroke resources, visit strokeassociation.org or call 1-888-4-STROKE.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY FROM VILLAGE VIEW

Senator Durbin to speak at May luncheon

Senator Richard J. Durbin, the 47th U.S. Senator from the State of Illinois, will be featured speaker at the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce's monthly Regional Consensus Luncheon. The luncheon will be held on Monday, May 12, 2003, at the Holiday Inn Matteson Hotel and Conference Center. In the 107th Congress, Durbin serves as Assistant Democratic Floor Leader and as a member of the Senate Democrats Steering and Coordination Committee.

Durbin is noted for authoring landmark House of Representatives legislation to ban smoking on commercial airline flights, his dedication to consumer protection efforts, leading gun safety efforts, fighting for farmers and working for tax cuts. Preceding Senator Durbin's address, the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce Foundation, in partnership with a Ron Mikes/Commonwealth Edison Award and State Representative George Scully's office, will present 13 area students with scholarships.

Sponsors of the Regional Consensus luncheon are Ford Motor Company and the Holiday Inn Matteson in association with The Star and Daily Southtown newspapers. Cost of the luncheon program is $35.00 for members and $35.00 for non-members. The program begins with a reception at 11:30 a.m., followed by the luncheon at noon. The program will commence at 12:30 p.m. with adjournment at 1:00 p.m. The luncheon is open to the business community. For registration or further information, contact the chamber office at 708-957-6950.

Pictured: Nicole Gatinella, Misericordia Heart of Mercy, won 3rd place in daytime wearing fashion from Hansen's Villa; Deborah Downs, Irish Children's fund, sponsored by Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, won 1st place in daytime wearing fashions from Kimberly Bon Boutique; Karen Johnson, M.D., LCMH Medical Staff, won 2nd place in evening wearing fashions from Kimberly Bond Boutique; Peggy James, Christ the King, won 1st place in evening wearing fashions from Kimberly Bond Boutique; Nancy Natalino, St. Cajetan, won 2nd place in dressy casual wearing fashions from Worldly Things; Susan Arnold, LCMH patient care services, won 1st place in dressy casual wearing fashions from Hansen's Villa.

Fabulous Fashion, winning models make Little Company reflections a success

Little Company of Mary Hospital Auxiliary hosted its 32nd annual Reflections 2003 dinner and fashion show April 8 at Drury Lane Martinique in Evergreen Park. Reflections 2003 was chaired by Rosemarie Lamb. This year's theme, "Mardi Gras," highlighted a variety of fashions provided by Bellissimo, Hansen's Villa, Kimberly Bond Boutique, Lili of Trieste II, My Sisters and Me and Worldly Things. The event featured a special Bridal Show honoring cancer survivors. The six winners of the fashion show received cash prizes for their community organizations.

Proceeds from Reflections 2003 benefited Little Company's Maternity Services.

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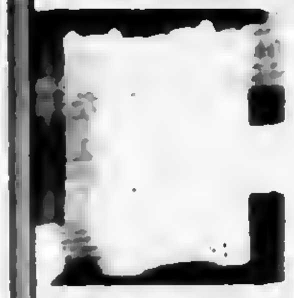

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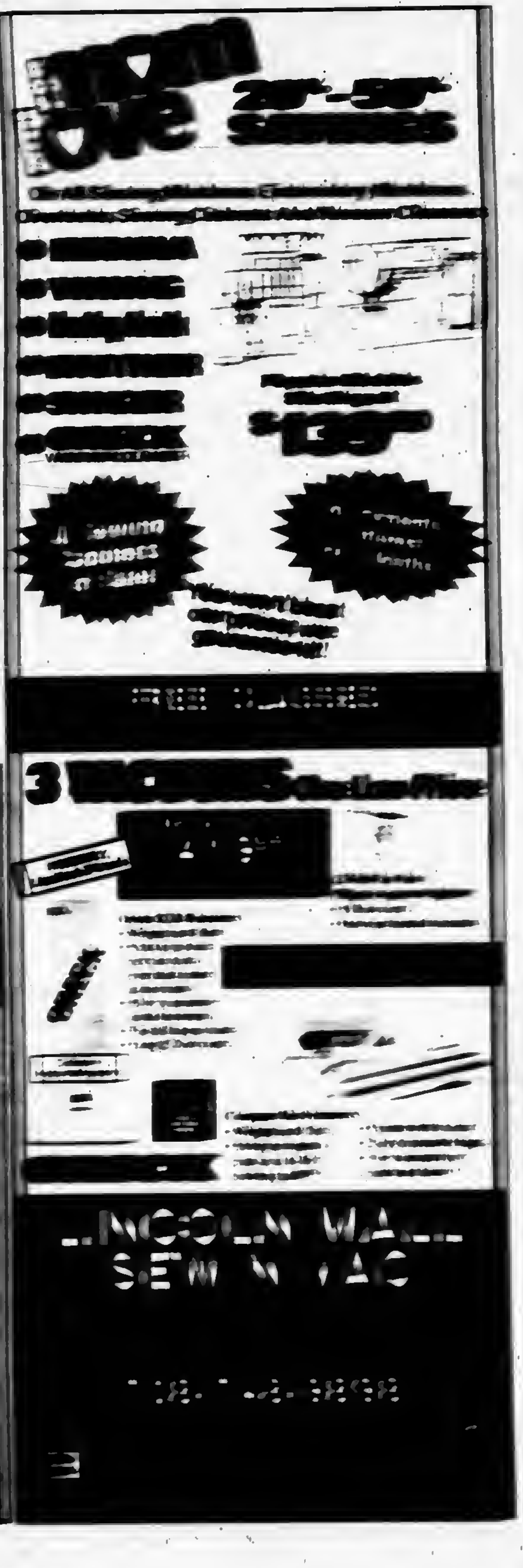

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De La Salle announces following information

Student attends leadership conference

De La Salle student Guillermo [illegible] recently spent five days in Washington D.C. attending the National Youth Leadership Conference.

While in Washington, [illegible] and the other participants were afforded the opportunity to learn about how the different branches of the government work, as well as viewing some of places of historical significance in Washington and surrounding areas such as the U.S. Capitol, the White House, the Smithsonian Institute, Arlington National Cemetery, the Lincoln Memorial, the FDR Museum and the Vietnam, Korean War and World War II Monuments.

[illegible], who was nominated by De La Salle faculty member Antonio Maldonado, also was part of a group that met with staff of Illinois senators Richard Durbin and Peter Fitzgerald and engaged in discussion with them regarding current events. "Visiting Washington was a new experience for me," [illegible] said. "I had never been there before and it was cool to see all of those sights and to participate in simulations of how the government works. It was a great experience for me. During one of the simulations, I got to be the Chief Justice of U.S. Supreme Court and we heard cases. We also did a model of Congress and I was a lobbyist for my caucus. We [illegible] amendments and [illegible] to see if they would pass."

Of the 233 high school students from across the country who were invited to participate, [illegible] was the only student from De La Salle. An excellent student, [illegible] is ranked No. 22 in De La Salle's senior class. He possesses a 3.99 grade point average and holds memberships in the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, [illegible] and Lasallian Youth. [illegible] hopes to attend [illegible] State University in the fall and major in computer engineering or electrical engineering.

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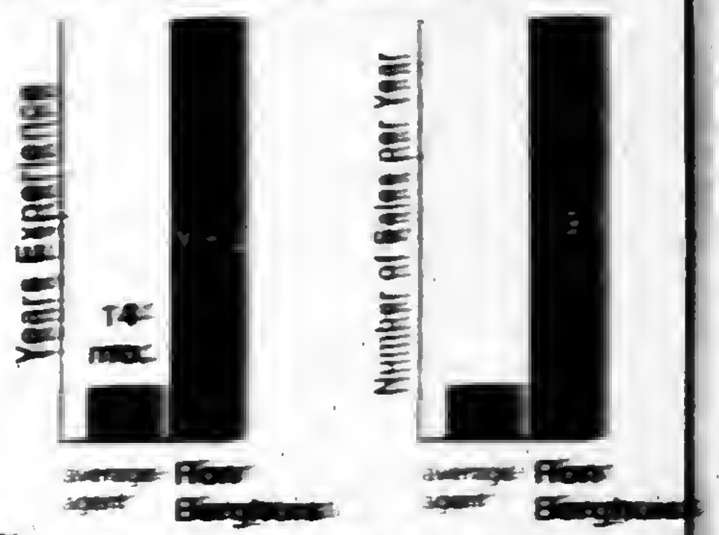

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Pictured from left: Michael Riordan (Assistant Principal), Laura and Larry Stanek (Kim's parents), Catherine Morrin (Fine Arts Division Chairman) and Nanette Smith (OLCHS PTSA President). Center: Kim Stanek

Student from Oak Lawn High School honored

The Oak Lawn Community High School PTSA 2002-2203 Reflections winner Kim Stanek was honored at a banquet on Tuesday, April 8th, at the Lexington House. This year's theme was "Courage". Kim's photography entry has advanced from our local PTA to District, then on to State and now has advanced to the National competition level. Her project will be on tour throughout the state of Illinois during the next year as part of an exhibit at museums, libraries, cultural centers, etc.

The Reflection program is an art recognition and achievement program offered to the students through their local PTA as an opportunity to express themselves and receive recognition for their artistic efforts.

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Composer Perspectives Festival opens May 20

Unlike conventional chamber music series, Composer Perspectives features concert programs created and introduced by contemporary composers. Each spring since May 2001, The Chicago Chamber Musicians and the Museum of Contemporary Art have invited distinguished composers to participate in a hands on process that includes the composer's involvement in the design, rehearsals and public presentation of a concert program of his/her own choosing. This year American Pulitzer Prize winning composers Gunther Schuller and William Bolcom and the much acclaimed MacArthur "genius" Award recipient Bright Sheng have been invited to lead Composer Perspectives 2003. This festival of music, conversations, film and lectures opens with Mr. Schuller, featuring a concert on May 21; the second concert on May 30 is slated for the week of Mr. Bolcom's 65th birthday. Mr. Sheng's concert brings the series to a close on Sunday, June 8.

Concert I is on Wednesday, May 21, at 7:30 pm (6:30 pm conversation with Gunther Schuller) by Gunther Schuller: "Hidden Treasures"; Thursday, May 29, at 7:00 pm, screening of "McTeague"- composer William Bolcom introduces the film of his highly acclaimed opera about the lust for gold in the early American West. Concert II on Friday May 30, (6:30 pm conversation with William Bolcom) by William Bolcom: "Frankenstein and Friends"; Saturday, June 7, at 7:00 pm: China, Tradition and new composition. Sheng discusses traditional Chinese instruments as performed by Yang Wei on pipa and Betti Xiang on erhu. Concert III on Sunday, June 8, (6:30 pm conversation with Bright Sheng) by Bright Sheng: "Song, Dance and Tears". Additional Composer Perspectives projects are free of charge and will be presented at the Museum of Contemporary Art: Jam Chat with Gunther Schuller on Tuesday, May 20 at 7:00 pm; Screening of "Mc Teague", on Thursday, May 29, at 7:00 pm; China: Tradition and new composition on Saturday, June 7 at 7:00 pm.

Composer Perspectives concerts and additional projects will be presented May 20 through June 8 at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 East Chicago Avenue. Concerts take place May 21, May 30 and June 8 at 7:30 pm with pre-concert talks at 6:30 pm. Concert series tickets (three concerts) are $70.00; individual concerts are $30.00, $24.00 for MCA members and CCM subscribers. Additional projects are free and take place at 7 pm on May 20, May 29 and June 7. For reservations and concert tickets visit the MCA Box Office at 220 East Chicago Avenue, by phone 312-397-4010 or visit the MCA website at www.mcachicago.org. Box Office hours are Tuesday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm; Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Box Office is closed on Monday. Major credit cards accepted.

Italian Ristorante entices diners

Bice, located off Michigan Avenue at 158 East Ontario in Chicago, tempts diners with more than just an authentic Italian dining experience, easing them into the work week with "Steak Night" on Monday and "BYOB" on Tuesdays. "Steak Night" at Bice kicks off the week on Mondays. Guests will enjoy a succulent Prime 22-ounce Porterhouse Steak prepared "al la Fiorentina", marinated in extra virgin olive oil and fresh herbs, then grilled and served with garlic spinach, all for $17.50. Every Tuesday, it's "BYOB" for lunch and dinner. Bring in your favorite bottle of wine and Bice will waive the customary $10.00 corkcharge and service charge for groups of two or more. The original Bice opened in Milan in 1926 and has been followed by Bice restaurants in New York, Palm Beach, Pasadena, Montreal, Miami, Mexico City, Santiago, Buenos Aires, Curitiba, Dubai, Tokyo, Jeddah, London, Amsterdam, Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Madrid and Luxembourg. Bice is open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm and dinner from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm; Friday and Saturday from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm and on Sundays from 11:30 pm to 10:00 pm. Reservations are accepted and suggested. All major credit cards are accepted.

Overeaters anonymous holds meeting

Is your eating out of control? Is your life unmanageable?

Overeaters anonymous is offering a 12 step program open meeting on Monday, May 19, 2003 from 9:30 am - 11:00 am at Elim Church, located at 10835 S. Pulaski Ave. Everyone is invited. Please bring a friend, and hear what O.A. is all about.

There are no dues, no fees, no weigh-ins, no diets and no obligations. Babysitting is available.

St. Fabian Phoenix is holding meeting

The St. Fabian Phoenix Group would like to invite everyone to their speaker night on Thursday, May 8, 2003. The speaker will be from the Domestic Violence Crisis Center. Doors will open at 7:00 pm and the meeting will start at 8:00 pm.

This meeting will be held in the Parish Social Center, at 7450 W. 83rd Street, Bridgeview. Further information can be obtained by calling Tom and Marianne at 708-499-5377.

Testing of Fiream Deer Season complete

More than 4,000 samples taken during firearm deer season have been tested for chronic wasting disease and no new cases were found, the Department of Natural Resources announced today. "This is good news," said Paul Shelton, IDNR's Forest Wildlife Program Manager. "Of the areas sampled so far, our data indicate that the disease appears limited to a couple of localities in northern Illinois." A total of 4,060 samples were taken from 36 Illinois counties during the firearm deer season in November and December. Six of those tested positive and one additional case was discovered in early November. All seven of those confirmed cases were in Boone, McHenry and Winnebago counties. The department following up with additional testing in those counties to better evaluate the status of CWD in northern Illinois. Chronic wasting disease is a fatal neurological disease found in deer and elk. The disease affects the brains of infected animals, causing them to become emaciated, display abnormal behavior, lose coordination and eventually die. It is known to be contagious to livestock or humans. Additional samples will help biologists assess how long CWD may have been present and the distribution and prevalence of the disease. Sampling is expected to be completed by the end of March, with re-sults several weeks later. The test results will help department further refine its strategy for dealing with its disease. The deer carcasses are being held in an approved facility until CWD test results are available. Deer that test negative will be processed and donated to food pantries. For updated information about chronic wasting disease, including answers to frequently asked questions and the department's rules, please see our website at http://dnr.state.il.us/pubaffairs/2002/CWD.htm.

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whitty

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God bless America

Dear Readers, the following poem sent to me, via e-mail, shortly after the terrorists attacks of 9/11, resurfaced the other day when I attempted the project of organizing paperwork. The heartfelt sentiment has come to signify the passion of our country, now at war with Iraq. The overwhelming joy of witnessing our Prisoners of War rescued, safe and sound, and out of harm's way, is truly reason for Americans to cheer our country's victory. In a war that's fought to not only ensure our freedom but to liberate a long suffering country, oppressed by a vicious dictator, our brave military is accomplishing their objective with dignity and humanitarianism. Today's column is dedicated to our troops. May we support them with the strength of one proud and patriotic voice. God Bless America!'

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As the soot and dirt and ash rained down, we became one color. As we carried each other, down the stairs of a burning building, we became one class. As we lit candles of waiting and hope, we became one generation. As the firemen and police officers fought their way into the inferno, we became one gender. As we fell to our knees in prayers for strength, we became one faith. As we whispered or shouted words of encouragement, we spoke one language. As we gave our blood and waited in lines a mile long, we became one body. As we mourned together the great loss, we became one family, as we cried tears of grief and loss, we became one soul. As we retell, with pride, the sacrifices of heroes, we become one people. We are the power of one. We are united. We are America.

-Author unknown-

Oak Lawn Aglow marks 25 years

Rev. Ron Spagnolo leads prayer before communion at Oak Lawn Aglows 25th anniversary celebration

April 24th marked the 25th anniversary since the Oak Lawn Lighthouse chapter of the Aglow International was chartered.

On April 10th at their regular dinner meeting, they had a special celebration to commemorate this and also to celebrate Easter. There were special decorations and a donated cake for this unique evening. Past presidents of the chapter participated and all heard a message given by guest speaker Rev. Chuck Hernandez on financial security.

Everyone had a wonderful evening of food, music, spiritual renewal and fellowship.

Oak Lawn Aglow will meet again May 8th with Barbara Robbins as the guest speaker. Once in the occult, now she loves God. Hear what happened. Her message is "To God Be The Glory For Breaking Curses".

For information call June (708) 424-1656

Illinois Department of Natural Resources holds drawing schedule for blind sites

Waterfowl hunting blind sites at several public hunting areas will be allocated by random drawings to be conducted this spring and summer. Duck and goose hunters must register in person for blind site drawings and must present at the drawing (held immediately after the registration period) to claim their blind sites. Mail registrations are not accepted. Blind allocations are good for one year, except on the Mississippi River (but not included Blanding's Landing Wildlife Area). To participate in a drawing, applicants must present a 2002 or 2003 hunting or combination sportman's license and an Illinois Migratory Waterfowl Stamp at the time they register, unless exempted by law. Applicants must be at least 16 years old by the date of the drawing. Participants should have their 2002 stamps in case they have difficulty purchasing new stamps. At some but not all sites, hunters may be able to purchase 2003 Illinois Migratory Waterfowl Stamps. Registrants must also possess a Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) card from the Illinois State Police. Although a FOID card that has expired within a year of the drawing is acceptable for the registration, hunters are required to have a current FOID card before they can hunt a site in the fall. Applicants under the age of 21 do not need a FOID card if they are accompanied by an adult who has one. If you don't have a card in your possession, law enforcement officers will not be able to validate your FOID card status for you on the day of the drawing. Out of state residents must have a 2002 or 2003 non resident hunting license for Illinois and an Illinois Migratory Waterfowl Stamp.

Re-registration for public blinds May 12-23

Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison County). Re-registration dates for blind holders will be May 12-23, 2003. Horseshoe Lake State Park is located 1.5 miles south of Pontoon Beach on State Route 111. Contact the site (618-931-0270) after May 23 for availability of unclaimed blinds to be included in the Sunday June 1 drawing. Registration on Sunday, June 1 will be from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at the site office. Mississippi River Fish and Wildlife Area (Pools 25 and 26). Re-Registration dates for blind holders will be May 12-23,2003. Mississippi River Fish and Wildlife Area is located on IL Route 100 in Rosedale, IL. Contact the site (618-376-3303) after May 23 for availability of unclaimed blinds to be included in the Sunday June 1 drawing. Registration on June 1 will be from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at the site office.

Sunday July 20, 2003

Mississippi River Pool 21. Registration will be held at the Twin Oaks Sportman's Club, 2707 Bonansinga Drive, Quincy, from 10:00 am - noon.

Mississippi River Pool 22. Registration will be held at the South side Boat Club, 640 South Front St., Quincy, from 10:00 am - noon.

Mississippi River Pool 24. Registration will be held at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources office, Route 106 West, Pittsfield, from 10:00 am - noon.

Saturday July 26, 2003

Blanding's Landing Wildlife Area (Savanna Army Depot), Jo Daviess County: Registration 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Blanding's Landing public use area, seven miles west of Hanover, off Illinois Route 84 on west Blanding Road.

Chain O' Lakes State Park and Redwing Slough/Deer Lake Natural Area, Lake County: Registration for both sites from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, at Oak Point day use area, 1/5 miles east of the Fox River on the south side of Illinois Route 173. Hunters will be allowed to register for only one of the two sites.

Des Plaines Coinservation Area, Will County: Registration from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, at the site office two miles norhtwest of wilmington Exit 241 on Interstate 55.

Kankakee River State Park and Momence Wetlands, Kankakee and Will Counties: Registration from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm for both sites at the Kankakee River State Park office, five miles northwest of Bourbonnais on Illinois Route 102. Hunters will be allowed to register for only one of the two sites.

Mazonia State Fishand Wildlife Area, Grundy County: Registration from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the site offfice just off Illinois Route 53, two miles southeast of Braceville.

Shabbona Lake State Recreational Area, DeKalb County: Registration from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the park office. Go 2.5 miles south of Shabbona on shabbona Road, turn east on Shabbona Grove Road and go 1/2 mile (office is on left side of the road).

Sinnissippi Lake, Whiteside Coutny: Registration from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Harry Oppold Marina, on Stouffer Road on the east edge of Sterling.

William Powers Fish and Wildlife Area, Cook Aounty: Registration from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the boat launch, 12800 Ave. 0, Chicago.

Sunday, July 27, 2003

Anderson Lake conservation Area, Fulton County: Registration from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the area check station, 20 miles south of Havana on Illinois Route 100.

Clear Lake at Sand Ridge State Forest, Mason County: Registration from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, approximately 1.5 miles northwest of Forest City on County Road 2800 E.

Lake DePue State Fish and Wildlife Area, Marshall County: Registration from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the area check station, five miles south of Lacon on Illinois Route 26.

Meredosia Bay in Morgan and Cass Counties: Registration from noon - 2:00 pm at the USFWS shed on the east side of the bay approximately one half mile north of Meredosia (2227 Beech Road).

Rice Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, Fulton County: Registration from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the area check station, three miles south of Banner on Illinois Route 24.

Sanganois Conservation Area, Cass and Mason Counties: Registration from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. On the east side of the maintenance building, two miles north of Chandlerville on Illinois Route 78, then eight miles west.

Sparland Unit of Marshall State Fish and Wildlife Area, Marshall County: Registration from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, at the Brick Yard boat launch, 1.5 miles south of Sparland on Illinois Route 29.

Spring Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area and Pekin Lake Fish and Wildlife Area, Tazewell County: Registration from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the South Park office area, two miles north of Manito on County Road 16 (Manito Road) and eight miles west and south on Spring Lake Road.

Starved Rock State Park, LaSalle County: Registration from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, at the Point shelter day use area on Illinois Route 71, about four miles east of Illinois Route 178 or 5.5 miles west of Illinois Route 23 in South Ottawa.

Woodford State Fish and Wildlife Area, Woodford County: Registration from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the area check station, 5.5 miles north of Spring Bay on Illinois Route 26.

Saturday, August 2, 2003

Mississippi River Pool 16: Registration from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Loud Thunder Forest Preserve five miles west of Andalusia.

Mississippi River Pool 17: Registration from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the New Boston City Park.

Mississippi River Pool 18: Registration from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Delabar State Park, two miles north of Oquawka.

Cup shooting challenge

It's time to register for the 3rd annual Governor's cup shooting challenge scheduled for Saturday, May 10, at Faller's Sporting Clays, located west of Butler in Montgomery County. In addition to the Illinois Governor's Cup title, experienced shooters will compete for cash and prizes, including a guarantees $750 for high overall (HOA) in this NSCA-registered classified shoot. For the first time, nonregistered shooters will com-plete in a new "Hunter Class" with cash and prizes for HOA and Lewis Class winners. Each shooter is also invited to participate in a free "Fun Shoot" on Frid-ay afternoon, May 9. In addition to the free 100 target round, and optional small gauge event, giveaways, raffles and food will make Friday a fun filled opportunity to practice, win additional money and prizes and to get more bang for the buck. Two five-stand stations will be available both days, with an optional five-stand tournament (Lewis Class) on Saturday.

Habitat fund grants

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is awarding $4617,396 from Illinois Habitat Fund for 70 new wildlife conservation projects to begin 2003. Additionally, the department is setting aside $300,000 from the Illinois Habitat Fund for land acquisition. The Illinois Habitat Fund is supported by contributions from Illinois hunters. Combined with contributuions from organizations receiving grants the total value of the habitat projects is estimated to be more than $2.3 million. The grants are expected to provide new and enhanced wildlife habitat in all parts of the state. Grants from the hunt, along with help from the department's many partner organizations, provide ev-erything from natural land acquisition to windbreaks and grass cover plantings to wetlands education for young people. 70 to 99 applications for funding were approved by the Illinois Habitat Fund Advisory Committee, which makes recommendations to the department for project funding. Habitat Fund Awards will assist acquiring seed, plant, material and specialized equipment for planting and maintaining shrubs and trees, warm and cool season grasses and native legume and forbs to develop new habitats areas. Other grants will help develop demonstration areas to help educate the public on the importance of permanenet habitat for Illinois wildlife. Habitat Fund monies are derived from the sale of a $5.50 Habitat Stamp required of most Illinois hunters By law. 30 percent of the stamp revenues are deposited in the Illinois Pheasant Fund for pheasant conservation projects and 6 percent of revenues are forwarded to the Illinois Furbearer Fund for projects to Illinois' furbearers. Both these funds make awards to conservation organization through independent advisory committees. The amont of stamp revenues not transferred to either the Pheasant or Furbearer Funds is made available in the form of grants to conservation groups to restore or protect important wildlife habitat in Illinois or is deposited in a special endowment trust created to to assure a stable source for future projects.

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Robert Morris College announces ways to beat the high cost of financing College

The greatest obstacle to attending college for families and students is finances. Not only must prospective students worry about how to get in but also stay in college financially, claims Michael Viollt, author of "100 ways to cut the high cost of attending College."

There is no longer a commitment from Washington or local state capitols to fully fund college. To be successful today, Viollt noted, college is a necessity. Where as 42 percent of high school grads attended college in the 1960's, today that number has soared to 72 percent. Scholarships are shifting out of need based programs to merit based. Colleges are trying to attract stronger students to improve their image so that middle income students might be willing to pay full freight. Yes, it's still possible for those who don't think they can afford college to do it with a few key strategies. You have to be creative, asserts Viollt.

Attend a community college and transfer

According to Viollt, students in Illinois view community college as a last resort. It's not. Students can save substantial sums and build momentum from there. Viollt believes students should receive an Associates degree before a Bachelors, in case they need to take time out from their studies to work.

Go to school year-round

Viollt reports the average student is taking six years to graduate. With year-round education, students can graduate in three years and cash in on a full salary sooner.

Select a major before you start

About 75 percent of students change their major, adding 1.5 years to their time in college. For one third, changing majors forces them to switch colleges - a significant purchase on extra terms. Viollt notes that people make this expensive move without deciding the new major. All students will return for more education later in their career, perhaps finding an employers that will foot the tuition bill. "The real problem is that high schools have not helped prepare people to choose a major." explained Viollt. "They need to give students more of a taste of college curriculum. Senior year is a wasted effort, which could be used to bring college coursework into the high schools. Advanced Placement is only for very bright students. We need a much broader program."

Major in a field that will get you a job

On average, 75 percent of students attend college because they want to advance their job and career opportunities. Yet, Psychology and English are two of the top majors and there are almost no jobs at the baccalaureate level in these fields. Eighty percent of the jobs got to 20 percent of the college majors. Engineering, Accounting, Computer Technology and Health Studies.

If your primary reason for attending college is to grow as a person, join the military instead.

Colleges tend to be insulated and do not necessarily help people mature, where as the military will open your horizons and foot the bill for your college education afterwards.

Select practitioner based education

Practitioners who are working in their fields as well as teaching can mean a more relevant education and more opportunities for internships and mentoring. Nationally, a large percentage of full time students who do internships get hired by that company or contact they made there.

Pictured from L. to R.: Mary Alice Cullina, R.N.; Ellyn Cronin; Michael Cronin (Higgins & White and brother of Ellyn Cronin); Susan Arnold, R.N.; Bill White (Higgins & White) and Linda Courts, R.N.

Cancer Center receives generous contribution

The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers has been blessed with a generous contribution from Higgins & White, Inc. The gift will be used in the Cancer Center's Integrative Therapy program providing a full array of integrative therapy services for patients, such as massage therapy, acupuncture, yoga, health education, healing Touch and posttreatment esthetic care, including prosthetic and make-up counseling. Little Company recognizes the importance of holistic health in the healing process and is responding to the needs of area cancer patients and their families who want access to these types of services.

Higging & White, the food ingredient professionals, felt Integrative Therapy Program was a great place to make donation. "We have witnessed the vital role that the Integrative Therapy Program provides, through therapeutic healing counseling and educational programs," said Bill White.

On behalf of Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation would like to thank Higgins & White, Inc. for their generous donation.

Marist Jazz Band on a roll as they prepare for ensemble night

Mr. Rocco Carioto congratulates Johnathan Sherrell on his outstanding soloist award.

The Marist High School Jazz Band, led by Mr. Rocco Carioto, participated in the South Suburban College Jazz Festival on March 3, 2003. With an impressive performance, the band received a 4th place overall finish in the competition. In addition, senior drummer Johnathan Sherrell earned an outstanding soloist award for his performance.

The Marist Jazz Band will host their Ensemble Night on May 13, 2003 in Marist's Little Theatre.

Founded by the Marist Brothers in 1963, Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street in Chicago, is a private Catholic school educating young men and women in heart, mind, and body.

Marian Musicians to Perform at council banquet

Five Marian Catholic High School musicians will pro- ...usicians will provide entertainment on May 8 for the South Suburban Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Spring Banquet and Comedy Night at DiNolfo's Banquets in Mokena. Organized by Assistant Director of Bands Bobby Lambert, the group of Tim Huizenga, Shannon Hardy, Brett Kokot, Andrew O'Brien-Penney and Mike Quatrini will form the Woodwind Quintet. The banquet will include dinner, a live comedic performance, silent auction and raffle to benefit the South Suburban Council.

Marian Students participate in FAS Project

During the months of March through June, more than 100 Marian Catholic students are participating in the FAS project. They join nine other schools where students are spreading the word about the effects of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

FAS affects many children whose parents have consumed alcohol during pregnancy. "People with prenatal alcohol exposure have a high risk of mental disabilities, learning disabilities, early school drop-out, juvenile delinquency, trouble with the law, alcoholism, drug addiction, unemployment, homelessness, poverty, incarceration, and mental illness. With early diagnosis and treatment, many of these 'secondary disabilities' could be prevented. The FAS project was presented to Marian President Sr. M. Paul and Principal Sr. M. Joan by Dr. Leslie R. Wilson, Project Director of the "Use Your Brain: Don't Lose it!" Campaign.

Students are displaying their creativity by explaining FAS through the arts in the following 10 categories: song, instrumental, choreography, film animation, one-act play, poetry, short story, 2-D art, 3-D art and computer art. The works will be displayed in the schoollibrary and judged from May 1 through May 5. The final competition will be directed by Dr. Wilson in June. The first, second and third place winners will receive monetary awards. Dr. Morris, Vice Principal, is coordinating the FAS Project with the assistance of Mrs. Karen Olson, counselor, and Mrs. Marilyn Bricks, secretary. Teachers working on the project are Mrs. Cathy DiGiovanni, Mr. Tom Sweeney and Mr. Kurt Weigt.

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Helping Teenagers gain life skills

Outward Bound, the leading adventure education organization in the US has been successfully instilling insights, wisdoms and citizenship in teenagers and young adults since it was imported to the US in 1961. Educator Kurt Hahn founded Outward Bound in 1941, during World War II in the UK.

Hahn believed young people had an innate yearning to uncover latent physical, spiritual and moral strengths, strengths central to survival not only in wartime but also in all aspects of a complete modern society. His educational philosophy has remained remarkably relevant and effective for six decades and may be even more relevant today as we face the uncertainties and pressures of a rapidly changing political climate.

This summer, teenagers can choose from dozens of two to four week long wilderness courses and learn alpine backpacking, rock climbing, sea kayaking, wilderness canoeing or whitewater paddling. Outward Bound's curriculum is build on 62 years of experience helping teens develop self confidence, confront life's challenges and tap into their potential as individuals, leaders and responsible members of society.

Kurt Hahn designed Outward Bound to provide students with the benefits of life experience, confidence, knowledge of their own resources, tenacity. Hahn found that through achievement, teens discovered that they possessed "far more then they knew." Outward Bound's method of hands on experiential learning asks students to apply each new skill as they learn it. With each passing day of their course students are required to rely more and more on each other to evaluate risk, communicate with each other, work as a team and make decisions. Formal and informal group discussions happen throughout the course allowing and encouraging students to reflect on their accomplishments and challenges both as a team and as individuals in an environment unfiltered by the world of shopping malls, upholstered chairs and peer pressure.

Voyageur Outward Bound School is part of Outward Bound USA, the nation's leading nonprofit adventure education organization serving and supporting four wilderness schools, two urban centers and an innovative curriculum currently used by 115 schools nationwide. Today, celebrating over 40 years of experiential education with more than 500,000 alumni, Outward Bound USA programs serve more than 60,000 young people and adults each year. Information about Outward Bound USA can be found at www.outwardbound.org.

For more information on Voyageur Outward Bound School's summer wilderness courses, call 1-800-3133-470, or e mail challenge@vobs.com or visit www.vobs.com. For high res photography visit www.vobs.com media.

Sessions open to home tour goers

Five new Style and Substance show and tell Sessions will be open to the 33rd annual Beverly Area Planning Association (BAPA) Home tour goers on Sunday, May 18.

Ongoing 15 minute info and demo presentations, a gathering of expert resource speakers giving tips on how to make a house a home, will be offered from 10 am to 5 pm at the new Beverly Arts Center, located at 2407 W 111th Street, where the historic community tour route begins and ends. Heading up one session will be Candace Heppner, proprietor of Candace's Antiques and Collectibles and a well known Chicagoland estate sale appraiser. She will check over small carry in home furnishings and collectibles and advise owners on the value and history of the items. Andre Noel from Sherwin Williams will demonstrate eight faux finishing paint techniques. Some Martha Steward signature paint colors will be featured on display boards. Two tour homes will show off rooms with a spectrum of color, tone and textured walls decorated with striated combing and dappled sponging techniques as well as shimmering metallic finishes, some with decorative hand painted art added to the finishing. Session attendees will also receive a complimentary take home faux finish starter set from Sherwin Williams.

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage representatives will also head up mini talks with information and hand outs for first time homebuyers and current homeowners interested in refinancing or renovating their present property.

Two certified arborists from "The care of trees" firm will head up a two part session on recognition and maintenance of the community's economically and environmentally valued property assets.

Requests for a more detailed house search can be accommodated for a $30 RHS family membership fee.

The Ridge Historical Society, housed in a 1922 Tudor style mansion at 10621 South Seeley Ave., is open Sundays and Thursdays from 2 to 5 pm and always open by appointment by calling 773-881-1675. Doors open to five community homes and the architecture award winning Beverly Arts Center during the tour day event. Trolley transport will leave every half hour from the Beverly Arts Center, from 11 am to 3 pm. A concert by the Chicago Sinfonietta is programmed for performance on the BAC's main stage at 7 pm. Tickets are on sale at the Center box office are $30 adults, $27 members, and $20 children. A home tour special of $5 off each ticket for attendees, call 773-445-3838 for more details. Food service is available all day at the Center's Odyssey Cafe. For information and home tour tickets, call the Beverly Area Planning Association, at 773-233-3100 or purchase on line at www.bapa.org. Price in advance is $25 and $30 on the tour date.

Bookstores host workshop

Bookstores in Chicago are hosting a workshop that focuses on the power of spiritual ideas. Participants will explore how to replace stress and depression with hope, peace and certainty, understanding identity helps to realize individual potential and purpose and how a spiritual perspective improves relationships, health, career, as well as impacting community and global issues. The workshop textbook is guided by the ideas from Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy.

The Workshop will be held on the following dates: Monday, May 12, 7 pm, at Borders Books and Music at 101 Rice Lake Square, Wheaton, phone 630-871-9595; Tuesday, May 13, 7 pm at the Transitions Book Place at 1000 W. North Ave., Chicago, phone 312-951-7323; Thursday, May 15, 7 pm at Borders Books and Music at 161 N. Weber Rd., Bolingbrook, phone 630-771-9560 and on Saturday, May 17, 2:30 pm, at African American Images at 1909 W. 95th St., Chicago, phone 773-445-0322.

Presenting open horse show

Looking for a fun filled day with your horse or just a unique entertainment experience for the whole family? Then come to the Horse promoters open horse show to be held at the Francis field, 1/2 mile east of the intersection of Cedar and Francis Road in New Lenox on May 18, 2003.

The show will include classes for English and Western riding for all ages and levels of experience. Every performance class is a payback class and there are ribbons and trophies for each class. The judge is Cheyanne Harbison-Grey. The starting time is 8:00 am. The public is invited for an admission fee of $2.00. Children under 10 will be admitted free. There is an entry fee per class for all rider participants. Food service on the grounds.

For more information, contact Marilyn Jupp at 708-534-8146.

Oak Lawn holds golf classic

Once again it's that time of the year for barbecues, golf and outdoor fun. Join us for the 10th annual "all you can eat and drink" pig roast (with beef and lamb also), salads, corn, potatoes - the works, including an open bar. This event is sponsored by the Oak Lawn Parks Foundation. Join in the fun, food, drink, dancing and music at the Stony Creek Golf Course on Saturday, June 28th, at 5:30 pm. There are lots of great raffles, compliments of many of you and a few other special contributors. We even spray for mosquitoes. Don't miss this first big picnic of the summer and a chance to mingle. Start the summer off right. The golf and dinner ticket, still just $85.00, includes 18 holes of golf, with cart, lunch and dinner. If you would like to join us for dinner only, tickets are just $35.00. Golf reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

Please contact Julie Ryan at 708-857-2200 for your reservations. We encourage you to reserve your tee times early so you don't miss this popular event.

Summit Park sells tickets

The Summit Park District, 5700 S. Archer Rd., Summit, is selling Great America tickets at a reduced price, $31 each for a one day, any day to the Great America Theme Park. To get your tickets call the Park office at 708-496-1012 during the hours of 7am-3pm, Monday through Friday and reserve your tickets. When they become available they can be picked up in the office.

Chicago Garden Club is meeting

The Chicago Garden Club of Mount Greenwood will hold its monthly meeting on May 8, 2003 at 7 pm at the Mount Greenwood Library at 11010 S. Kedzie Ave.

The guest speaker will be from Busy Bee Nursery and Landscapingand will give information on the care of ponds and water gardens. The meeting is open to members and non members. There is a $1 fee for non members, which can be used towards a new membership.

Summit Park has postitions available

The Summit Park District has the following part time positions available.

Cashiers for the water playground-starting Memorial Day weekend (May 24) for two weekends, then daily afterwards (Monday - Sunday) until Labor Day.

Two shifts are available: 11:00 am to 4:00 pm and 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Salary will be $6.25 to start.

If you are interested, come to the park office during the hours of 7:00 am - 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday to fill out an application. For any questions, please call the park office at (708) 496-1012.

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St. Albert the Great School's enrichment programs

St. Albert the Great School has already started or will be introducing before/after school enrichment programs.

Maths - 7:45-8:15, Tues & Thurs, 4th & 5th Mrs. Rooney

*Science - 2:15-3:00, M 3/24 & M 3/31, 7th & 8th Mrs. [illegible]

*Science - 2:15-3:00, M 3/24 & M 3/31, 6th, Mrs. Klimek

Sign Language - 2:15-2:45, 3/31, 4/7, 4/14, K-3, Mrs. Karr

Sign Language - 2:15-2:45, 3/31, 4/7, 4/14, K-3, Mrs. Medo

Sign Language - 2:15-2:45, 3/31, 4/7, 4/14, K-3, Miss DeGrazia

* The Junior High Science Enrichment program will have their science projects displayed in school beginning April 7. Also, on April 11 there will be a supplemental science program with a guest presenter, Dr. Bridget Weidner Hermanek from St. Xavier College. The 6th graders will enjoy a discovery involving owl pellets and a presentation on recycling. The 7th & 8th graders will participate in a program about frog dissection. This will take place during regular school hours and will involve all of 6,7 & 8th grades.

Summer Learning program

Once again St. Albert the Great School will be offering a three-week program of study in the two basic core areas for reading and math. The first session will focus on languages arts. It consists of short readings, comprehension skills and review of English. The second session will focus on the four basic math skills. There will be emphasis on word problems and fractions. Depending on the student's ability the teacher will continue to focus on a review of the grade level material.

This program provides for small group instruction with one of our teachers in a relaxed and fun learning environment. No uniforms allowed! Casual Clothing only!

Dates: June 9th through June 27th. Times session one, Language Arts 9:00-10:30, break with snacks 10:30-10:45. Session two, Math 10:45-12:15

The cost for the Reading and Math Sessions will be $70.00 for one class and $125.00 for two Classes. All fees are non-refundable.

All registration and fee's must be turned into the office by May 28. Since class sizes are limited, full payment is due at the time of registration in order to guarantee a place for your child. Please call the registration office for additional information.

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Volunteers needed in Orland Park

Volunteers are needed for the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department's "16th Annual Norm Weyer's Special Day for Special People" on Thursday, May 29, 2003. This event will be held on the Orland Days Grounds from 10:30 am until 1:30pm. The Orland Days celebration will be in the Orland Park Place Mall parking lot at 152nd and 94th Avenue. An orientation meeting will be held on May 29th at 9:00 am., under the big tent. Coffee and Donuts will be served.

"This event shows how people from all facets of the Orland Park community come out to help individuals with special needs," said Orland Park Special Recreation Program Supervisor Kris Rau. "Everyone is invited to lend a hand – teens on up to seniors," she added.

Nearly 2,000 individuals with special needs have been invited to enjoy a free-by-invitation only day of carnival rides, games, lunch and gifts. Volunteers can either help serve lunch or assist individuals on to and off rides. This day is co-sponsored by Orland Park Lions Club, the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department, Miller Amusement Company and a number of businesses and organizations in the area.

For further information please call Kris Rau at 708-403-[illegible]

Photo by Beth Piotrowski, Wiseman

Special two for one tickets

The very inebriated George Hay, played by Tony Canelo, Blue Island, second from right tells stage manager, Paul played by John Wattson, about his dislike for his lawyer Richard, played by Bill Hurley, Orland Park, second from left, who is in love with his wife Charlotte, played by Lili O'Donnell in this scene from the Tinley Park Theatre Troupe's production of the hilarious Ken Ludwig comedy, "Moon Over Buffalo" to be presented at the Auditorium Theater, located in Tinley Park High School, 6111 W. 175th St., Tinley Park.

Show dates are Friday, May 9th and Saturday, May 10th at 8:00 pm. There will not be a performance on Sunday, May 11, because of Mother's Day; performances will continue Friday, May 16th and Saturday, May 17 at 8:00 pm, closing Sunday, May 18th at 2:00 pm.

Call 708-342-4200 for tickets which are $8 per adult, $7 per senior citizen. There is a special two for one ticket offer on opening night Friday, May 9th. Tickets can also be purchased in advance at the Tinley Park District Recreation Center, located at 8125 W. 171st St., Tinley Park. The show is sponsored by the Tinley Park District's Arts Alive Program.

Veteran's affairs seminar at Orland Park

The Village of Orland Park Mayor's Office of Special Services will sponsor a Veterans Affairs presentation on Service Connected Disability Compensation and Non-Service Connected Pension Benefits on Thursday, May 15, 2003 at 9:30 am. at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue.

John Heinz, VA Regional Office Veterans Benefits Counselor, will lead a special question and answer session on veterans disability and pension benefits.

For more information, please call the Mayor's Office of Special Services at 708-403-6188.

200 Evan caddie scholarships awarded

The Evans Scholars Foundation has awarded more than 200 full tuition and housing scholarships to caddies for the 2003-04 academic year.

The foundation selected the scholarship winners at meetings held from December 2002 to March 2003 at country clubs throughout the Midwest, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Oregon and Washington. Most of the students will live in Evans Scholars Scholarship Houses at one of the 14 chapters in the Evans Scholars Program.

All of the Scholars are golf caddies who earned scholarships based on four criteria: caddie record, academic record, financial need and character.

There are currently over 830 golf caddies attending college as Evans Scholars. More than 7,000 have graduated as Evans scholars since the program was founded in 1930 by Charles "Chick" Evans Jr., famed Chicago amateur golfer and winner of the 1916 U.S. Open and U.S. Amateur. The Western Golf Association has administered the Chick Evans Scholarship Program since its inception in 1930 through the Evans Scholars Foundation. The program has grown to become the largest privately funded scholarship program in the nation.

Funds for the scholarships come mostly from contributions by more than 500 member clubs, 33,000 WGA Par Club members and 100,000 golfers in the WGA Bag Tag Program, who annually donate more than $5 million to the foundation. Evans Scholar Alumni have donated over $25 million to the program.

The scholarship program is also supported by 23 affiliated golf associations and from proceeds generated by the Western Open, which will celebrate its 100th championship in July 2003. First conducted by the WGA in 1899, the Western Open is the oldest professional tournament on the regular PGA Tour and the second oldest in the nation.

For more information on the Evans Scholars Program call (847) 724-4600, e-mail [illegible] or write to the Evans Scholars Foundation at 1 Briar Road, Golf, Illinois, 60029.

Some of our local Scholars are: Erin M. Carey, Evergreen Park; Karen A. Clark, Burbank; Kevin P. Swift, Palos Hills; Joseph C. Fedro, Oak Forest; Danielle T. Buckingham, Oak Lawn; Kenneth W. Kraft, Crestwood; Michael A. Walter, Chicago Ridge; William P. Wantland, [illegible]; Brian Dusek, Oak Forest; Gustavo Moreno, Chicago; Craig E. Waldron, Tinley Park; Peter A. Provenzano, St. Charles.

Check out Jacie Warr on page 4 inside.

Acorn library holds book sale

Friends of Acorn will be having their used book sale, Saturday, May 31st, 9:00 am through 2:00 pm.

Friends of Acorn needs your support. Bring your used books, cds, videos and tapes to the Acorn Public Library, 15624 Central Ave., Oak Forest during normal library hours Mon-Thur 9-9, Fri-Sat 9-5 through May 28th. Come to the "Friends of Acorn" Used Book Sale, Saturday May 31st. Proceeds will be used to finance various activities at the library.

Mothers valued at McDonald's

Children covered in pancake batter, the kitchen a mess, the smell of burning toast and a child carrying weak coffee up the white carpeted staircase. Visions of disaster that began with the best of intentions for a special holiday celebration: Mother's Day.

This Mother's Day, the local McDonald's operators are helping really treat their Mothers to breakfast, without straining the wallet or staining the carpet. On Sunday, May 11, 2003, during breakfast hours, McDonald's will pick up the tab for Mom. Buy one McDonald's breakfast extra value meal and Mom's breakfast extra value meal is free. McDonald's owners of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana consists of 480 restaurants stretching from Zion to Watseka and Princeton to Michigan City, Indiana. As part of its ongoing community efforts, McDonald's supports various charitable and educational programs.

What baby boomers should know about stroke

Baby boomers know as much about stroke as the average American, but they're in denial about the looming threat of America's No. 3 killer in their own lives, a recent survey shows.

In a February 2003 survey of 1,000 adults, the American Stroke Association found that most baby boomers know the stroke warning signs and what to do if someone has a stroke, but they don't realize that they are moving closer to the age of 55, when their own stroke risk begins to double. Respondents, who reflected the diversity of the general population were asked: When does your risk for stroke increase?" They consistently gave an age greater than their own. Even those 55 or older believed that their risk for stroke increased [illegible]. Worse, most aren't concerned about stroke as a health threat in general. So why doesn't stroke worry baby boomers, who as each birthday passes, are at greater risk of stroke? One third of respondents said: "I can't prevent a stroke, so why worry?" Various factors affect your risk for stroke. These include uncontrollable factors, such as family history, age and gender. But some factors are controllable, such as high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure and smoking. By quitting smoking, working with your doctor to treat high cholesterol and high blood pressure, eating healthful and exercising, you can reduce your stroke risk. Stroke can occur at any time, at any age, to anyone. It's important to recognize the signs of stroke and seek treatment. Never dismiss the signs of stroke because you believe that you or someone having symptoms is "too young." In addition, while some people are at a lower risk for stroke than others, those who have the highest risk have a combination of factors including: a family history of stroke, existing cardiovascular conditions, high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure, a history of heart attack or stroke, tobacco use and age greater than 55. In addition, if you are overweight or obese, follow sound dietary advice and engage in physical activity to control your weight. Take action to reduce your risk for stroke.

The more people you know who can recognize stroke, the better off you are if you have one. If you recognize the signs of stroke in yourself or another person, call 911 immediately to get to a hospital quickly. The signs of stroke are: sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; sudden severe headache with no known cause. For additional stroke resources, visit strokeassociation.org or call 1-888-4-STROKE.

Senator Durbin to speak at May luncheon

Senator Richard J. Durbin, the 47th U.S. Senator from the State of Illinois, will be featured speaker at the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce's monthly Regional Consensus Luncheon. The luncheon will be held on Monday, May 12, 2003, at the Holiday Inn-Matteson Hotel and Conference Center. In the 107th Congress, Durbin serves as Assistance Democratic Floor Leader and as a member of the Senate Democratic Steering and Coordination Committee.

Durbin is noted for authoring landmark House of Representatives legislation to ban smoking on commercial airline flights, his dedication to consumer protection efforts, leading gun safety efforts, fighting for farmers and working for tax cuts. Preceding Senator Durbin's address, the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce Foundation, in partnership with a Ron Milness Commonwealth Edison Award and State Representative George Scully's office, will present 13 area students with scholarships.

Sponsors of the Regional Consensus luncheon are: Ford Motor Company and the Holiday Inn-Matteson in association with The Star and Daily Southtown newspapers. Cost of the luncheon program is $25.00 for members and $35.00 for non-members. The program begins with a reception at 11:30 am, followed by the luncheon at noon. The program will commence at 12:30 pm with adjournment at 1:00 pm. The luncheon is open to the business community. For registration or further information, contact the chamber office at 708-957-6950.

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Pictured: Nicole Cannella, Misericordia Heart of Mercy, won 2nd place in daytime wearing fashions from Hansen's Villa; Deborah Downs, Irish Children's fund, sponsored by Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, won 1st place in daytime wearing fashions from Kimberly Bond Boutique; Karen Johnson, M.D., LCMH Medical Staff, won 2nd place in evening wearing fashions from Kimberly Bond Boutique; Peggy James, Christ the King, won 1st place in evening wearing fashions from Kimberly Bond Boutique; Nancy Natalino, St. Cajetan, won 2nd place in dressy casual wearing fashions from Worldly Things; Susan Arnold, LCMH patient care services, won 1st place in dressy casual wearing fashions from Hansen's Villa.

Fabulous Fashion, winning models make Little Company reflections a success

Little Company of Mary Hospital Auxiliary hosted its 32nd annual Reflections 2003 dinner and fashion show April 8 at Drury Lane Martinique in Evergreen Park. Reflections 2003 was chaired by Rosemarie Lamb. This year's theme, "Mardi Gras", highlighted a variety of fashions provided by Bellissimo, Hansen's Villa, Kimberly Bond Boutique, Lili of Trieste IL, My Sisters and Me and Worldly Things. The event featured a special Bridal Show honoring cancer survivors. The six winners of the fashion show received cash prizes for their community organizations.

Proceeds from Reflections 2003 benefited Little Company's Maternity Services.

H&R Block to refund "Peace of Mind" charges to consumers

The office of Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced tax giant H&R Block Services, Inc., will establish a $1 million fund to repay consumers who had a $22 fee tacked on to their 2001 tax preparation costs without their knowledge or consent.

Forty-one attorneys general, including Madigan, reached the agreement with H&R Block regarding the marketing and selling of its "Peace of Mind" guarantee.

The Peace of Mind product guarantees that H&R Block will pay up to $5,000 of any additional tax owed due to an H&R Block tax preparer's error. The attorneys general challenged H&R Block for its practice during the 2001 tax season of charging consumers $22 for the guarantee without asking for a consumer's permission.

H&R Block also has agreed to change the way it does business with the Peace of Mind guarantee. Under the agreement, H&R Block cannot charge a consumer for the guarantee unless the consumer specifically agrees to purchase the service. Additionally, H&R Block will not recommend the guarantee to a consumer until an H&R representative has informed the consumer of the terms and conditions of the guarantee.

Eligible consumers must have had a tax return prepared by H&R Block during the 2001 tax season, must have been charged the $22, never have used the guarantee, and must believe they were not informed about it.

Consumers have 120 days from today to request a reimbursement.

The toll-free number is 866-522-7085.

The English language website is [illegible]

The Spanish language website is [illegible]

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Tobacco ordinance passed in Palos Park

by Carlene E. O'Connor

At the Palos Park meeting of April 28 the liquor and tobacco ordinance was passed. This will call for stricter watch of businesses as the police department will monitor them for any illegal sales to minors by using police cadets. If caught breaking the law, and not complying it could result in losing their license.

There was a $137,905 contribution to the village's Police Pension Fund for calendar year 2003 and payment for $45,960 of these monies from the fiscal year 2003-04 budget which the board unanimously agreed upon.

Also at the meeting Barbara O'Meara of the Illinois Department of Public Health gave a presentation warning everybody about the West Nile Virus. She said to watch out for all standing water, spray yourself with insect repellent, don't go outside from dusk till dawn if possible, and if you find dead birds especially crows or blue jays, report them to Cook County Department of Public Health at 708-492-2035.

In the police department, Public Health and Safety Commissioner John Mahoney appointed Palos Park officer Mike Taylor to sergeant.

Presenting Himalayas

Pictured: Central Tibet. Portrait of a Lama. 15th century. Private collection, New York.

The Art Institute of Chicago will have an aesthetic adventure until August 17, 2003, featuring Himalayas from Central Tibet, Nepal, India and more.

Moraine Valley makes the following announcements

Moraine Valley graduates find work in chosen career field

Ninety percent of Moraine Valley's occupational graduates in 2001 responding to the college's annual survey are employed. The annual Moraine Valley survey conducted in spring 2002 found that 72 percent of the graduates were employed full time and 18 percent were employed part time with 9 percent working within the Moraine Valley district.

The Industrial Technology program area had the highest proportion of graduates employed full time with 89 percent. The median annual salary for full-time, entry-level graduates who provided information was $31,512 according to the survey. Seventy-eight percent of the 216 survey respondents said they were employed in jobs related to their Moraine Valley degree.

Graduates ranked the course content and various projects in their major program of study as the most satisfying aspects of Moraine Valley and stated they were satisfied with their educational experience. Along with personal contacts, the graduates stated that a faculty member or program coordinator was the most helpful in getting a job.

For more information, call Mark Horstmeyer, director of College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5275, or e-mail: horstmeyer@morainevalley.edu.

Check out Jade Vine on page 4 inside

Moraine Valley receives grant for degree audit system

Moraine Valley has received a $15,000 grant from the Illinois Community College Board to allow college staff to be trained and begin initial implementation of the computerized Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS).

These performance enhancement funds are made available through the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act. DARS is a software package that will complement the college's new business system, which is being installed. The grant will allow initial training for employees regarding how to use the software to benefit different areas of the college. Once implemented, the software will allow students and staff to run degree audits that can quickly determine the classes students have completed within a designated certificate or degree program, as well as provide a list that shows the classes they would still need to complete to earn that certificate or degree.

For more information, call [illegible], College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5742 or e-mail [illegible]@morainevalley.edu.

Forest Preserve District of Will County announces following programs

Special Joliet Iron Works Tour

For 80 years, from the 1870's until the 1930's, the Joliet Steel Works employed thousands, many of whom were immigrants. This important industry was largely responsible for the city's growth and was the source for Joliet's slogan as the City of Steel. With the closing of the factory, all of the buildings and blast furnaces were dismantled except for the foundations. The Forest Preserve District of Will County developed the site for self guided tours, using signs to interpret the structure that once existed there and the men who spent their lives laboring at the plant. A special guided tour of the site will be offered on Sunday, May 18, at 2:00 pm.

The tour is free of charge and open to persons of at least seven years of age. Visitors park at the site's parking lot, where they will be provided with an overview of Joliet Iron Works. A 0.25 mile walk leads to the trail head. The mile long hike through the preserve will include many stops where a Forest Preserve interpreter will talk about the structure that once existed there, its contributions to the iron making process and the men who worked that particular job. Once the tour is completed, the group will be led to the parking lot. In all, the hike is about 1.5 miles in length. Participants should dress for the weather and wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots.

Find out about the Origin of the I & M Canal

"Gateway to the Midwest," an adult (age 16 and above) program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be Sunday, May 18, at 1:00 pm, at the Chicago Portage Site near Harlem Ave. and 47th Street. Registration and a fee of $5 per person are required.

Visit the site of the origins of the I & M Canal. This area has been called one of the "five keys to the continent." In 1952 the Chicago Portage was dedicated as a National Historic Site. Learn of this very important area and its amazing heritage through the creative interpretation of cultural history. Hear a presentation about the natural history of the site and the original people that lived here during the French fur trade era. To register and to get directions to the Chicago Portage Site, call Isle a la Cache Museum at 815-886-1467, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Tuesday – Saturday, 12:00 – 4:00 pm, Sunday.

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Trustees and library board members take oath of office

By Matt Mayer

Prior to the May 5th Evergreen Park Board meeting, Judge Thomas Carmody performed the swearing in of Trustees Norbert Smith, Mark Marzullo and James Mc Quillan - as well -as library board members Kimberly Bennett, Jason Tabour and Kelly McGuire-Burke. Family and friends were present at the ceremony, which concluded with a round of applause.

The meeting commenced with Mayor James Sexton outlining the steps that the village is taking to help combat the West Nile Virus - there were 18 cases of the virus last year in the village with some of the cases being very serious. Sexton reported that Sue Koreds, Gail Morales and Mike Kniepps are preparing a new brochure about the virus and that the village is working with the Cook County Department of Health, the State Board of Health and the Southwest Mayor and Manager's Association, in an effort to minimize any outbreak of the virus this year. Sexton also reported that the village will be buying larvicide pellets and that these pellets will be placed in all Village catch basins and ponds, in and around the Village. In another effort to reduce mosquito breeding grounds, Sexton requested the help of all home owners by eliminating any standing water on or around their property as well as any container, which either contains or could contain standing water. Further Information will be available on the Village web site as well as cable TV.

Betty Carson, a resident in the 8800 block of Talman Ave, stated that the entire town is a buzz with a rumor in regards to the Martinique being sold, razed, and replaced with a Wal-Mart. She asked if this is fact or fiction. Sexton said that the village has heard the same rumors and has not been able to confirm them with the owners of the Martinique. Sexton said that hopefully within a week, they will be able to confirm or negate the rumor.

The board approved business regulation certificates for: Mulcrones Steak and Seafood Restaurant and Lounge at 3020 W. 95th Street, as well as two stores to belocated in the Plaza. The Lark Stores, Inc, a men's clothing store, and Urban Media Group, LLC, a cellular phone and accessories store. A class "B" liquor license for Mulcrones was also approved. Sexton said this is not an additional village liquor license. This is a license which was held by the previous restaurant and that a liquor license has existed at this address for years.

An ordinance for the Slawecki -Sklar resubdivision of the property at 8806 and 8814 S. Talman Ave was approved . The board also proclaimed the week of May 4th to the 10th as "Teacher Appreciation Week".

A request from Bleekers Bowl to erect a tent in the parking lot to sell beer and hot dogs on July 3rd - the evening of the 4th of July parade was approved as well as a request from Most Holy Redeemer Parish to hold their annual carnival event June 6th to the 11th .

Village Engineer Tom Klass reported that the Kedzie Ave project is moving along as planned although the railroad was slightly behind. He is confident that the projected completion date will be reached, making the crossing safer for students returning to school from summer vacation. The meeting concluded with Sexton reporting that the skate park equipment was delivered earlier in the day and that the skate park is projected to open within two weeks.

Oak Lawn determined to ward off West Nile Virus

By Matt Mayer

The May 13th Oak Lawn Village Board meeting commenced with Village Clerk, Jane Powers swearing in Anthony Berg to the rank of Police Patrol Officer. Family and friends were in attendance. Trustee Jerry Hurkes reported that the Illinois Department of Transportatinn is holding a public meeting on May 29th from 3 pm to 8pm at Reavis High School The Department will be outlining their plans in regards to the Central - Narragansett Ave overpass, which would open Central Ave via an overpass or underpass. Public comments will be welcomed. Hurkes believes that this project has all the earmarks of becoming a reality

Trustee Marjorie Ann Joy reported that the Children's Museum is slated to open May 31st in which there will be a gala event introducing the Children's Theater to the community. Joy said tickets will be available for this event.

Trustee William Keane reported that this is the time of year where a great number of scam artists are around. He said he has received sev-eral police reports, detailing repair scams where people knock on doors, pitching repairs such as resurfacing driveways, etc. Keane cautioned simply: "If you didn't call for a repair, don't hire them".

Keane commented about the magazine article in the May 11th issue of the Chicago Tribune. He said the entire magazine was about Evergreen Park, Oak Lawn, and Skokie in regards to the West Nile Virus. Keane said "The South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District did a deplorable job last year" and that the village has urchased larvicide's pellets which are dropped in to the storm sewers - they have afive month life span, which should be effective throughout the mosquito season. Keane said one problem is that there are a number of yards that have a rear yard drainage problem. In past years, the village has installed sewers in many of these yards. The village knows where many of these sewers are, all on private property, these sewers are breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Keane said he has asked the Village Engineer, Joseph Faber, to develop a plan and a telephone number so the village could alert the citizens who have these sewers in their back yards. Residents could call the village and arrangements will be made with the pubic works department along with the permission of the resident to go on their property and dispense these pellets, into the sewers, in their back yards. Village Engineer, Joseph Farber, said the village is striving to identify the rear lot drainage connection's. He said that years ago many of them had not been recorded because they are not part of the main system and once they have been identified. A list will be created by address. Keane said "We've really being forced to spend our money to do a job that the South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District should be doing." He also said "They have already taken our tax money to do it and they failed miserably last year". Faber said that through out the winter months, the public works department has been jet-spraying and cleaning the basins and in June crews will placing larvicide pellets in approximately 5,000 catch basins. Farber also stated that Christ Hospital had a public presentation on the West Nile Virus in which doctors said they believe the infected birds are the start of the process and that the affected birds died last year. The doctors said it is unlikely there will be a large outbreak this year because the bird population has been decimated. Even so, Farber said " no one is taking this lightly". Trustee Ronald Stancik reported that the gambusia minnows, mosquito larva-eating minnows, have been released in the ponds. Village officials feel they are as prepared as they can be to ward off the West Nile Virus this year.

The board approved Patti's subdivision of 2 lots at 9201 Austin Ave. as well as P & S builders west resubdivision of 2 lots at 6249 W 93rd Street.

The board approved an ordinance authorizing certain traffic regulations - No parking west side of Mayfield Ave from 97th St - South to a point 425 ft South of 97th St., as well as a regulation for a right turn only -Southbound on Cook Ave at 111th St. A 2-lot resubdivision granting a corner side yard setback variation at 5700 W. 88th St. was also approved. A request from Dr. James Schlenker to rezone the property at 9511 S. Merrimac from R-1(single family residential zoning) to PK (parking zoning) was approved. The board approved an ordinance authorizing a redevelopment agreement, authorizing the sale of village owned property at 5100 W 95th ST to the Gammonly Group in the amount of $1,000,000. Gammonly will construct a mixed-use building with apprnximately 10,600 square feet of retail space and approximately 50 condominiums. Rich Gammonly said that the height of the building would not exceed five stories. The property is part of the dubbed, "Train Station TIF District". Village Manager, Joe Faber stated that only upscale shops would be located in this building.

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Village of Evergreen Park makes the following announcements

Reduced fare program registration

The staff from the Regional Transportation Authority will be at the Office of Citizens' Services, located at 3450 West 97th Street, on Wednesday, May 28, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. They are conducting registration for seniors interested in the RTA Reduced Fare Program. This program enables senior citizens (age 65 or older) to ride the CTA, Metra or Pace transit system for half fare. There is no charge for registration, however, if you plan to attend, please phone OCS at 422 -8776, as the RTA & OCS need to know the number of people attending.

In order to register you must do the following: If you are on Medicare, please bring your Medicare Card with you. Please bring one of the following documents as a form of identification: Driver's License; expired RTA Reduced Fare Permit; Passport; State of Illinois Identification Card; Other official Government Identification with a photo and birthdate. Your photograph will be taken and affixed to your reduced fare permit. Upon completion of your registration you will receive your RTA Reduced Fare Permit through the mail in approximately four weeks.

One Day trips planned by the Office of Citizens' Services

Blue Chip Casino Trip on Monday, June 30th. Departure will be at 10:00 am from the Community Center and the Return at approximately 6:00 pm. Tickets are $23, including round trip motorcoach transportation, two gaming sessions, $10 cash back certificate and a lunch buffet.

Horseshoe Casino Trip on Monday, July 28. Departure will be at 8:45 am from the Community Center and the Return at approximately 3:30 pm. Tickets are $23, including round trip motorcoach transportation, gaming at 9:30 am to 1:30 pm, buffet from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm and a $10 casino coin voucher.

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Kiss Me Kate Trip on Thursday, July 31 at Oakbrook Drury Lane, a Cole Porter musical comedy. The Departure will be 10:45 am from the Community Center and the Return at approximately 5:30 pm. Tickets are $45 including round trip motorcoach transportation and luncheon.

Annual Blood Drive

The Office of Citizens' Services will sponsor their Annual Blood Drive at the H.B. Maher Community Center on Saturday, June 28 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please consider donating blood. For your convenience, please call 422-8776 to make an appointment. Donors are greatly appreciated, as community drives rely on them to maintain a sufficient blood supply for the village. Donated blood is literally the "gift of life".

Annual Spring Party

Join the OCS group at the Evergreen Park Drury Lane on Wednesday, June 18, for lunch and an afternoon with Patti Page. Dinner, choice of shrimp or chicken, will be at 12:00 pm, following the show starting at 2:00 pm. Tickets are $47 and will now be available at the Office of Citizens' Services.

Thank you to the volunteer tax counselors

"Thank you!" from the Office of Citizens' Services to the Volunteer Income Tax Counselors. Service was provided to approximately 500 Evergreen Park senior residents. The following dedicated volunteers willingly and capably have provided this service for years: Madeline Cassi, 17 years; Tony Gallo, 1 year; Earl Hanisch, 15 years; Francis Hartnett, 4 years; Al McElroy, 12 years and Harry O'Sullivan, 7 years. If you would like to be a volunteer income tax counselor, please call Phyllis Paxton at OCS (422-8776).

Solution for the Uninsured supported

The Health Fairness Coalition applauds Rep. Danny Davis and Rep. Bill Lipinski for joining Congress and President Bush in supporting health care tax credits, or Fair Care, to enable uninsured workers to purchase health insurance.

· Fair Care for the Uninsured has 107 co-sponsors, both Democrat and Republican and President Bush has allocated funds for health care tax credits in his budget. Fair Care would provide up to $3,000 for an uninsured family to buy private health insurance. "We commend Reps. Davis and Lipinski for acting to insure their uninsured constituents, as well as millions of uninsured Americans across the country. Fair Care would permit millions of uninsured individuals to have access to preventive and routine health care and avoid costly emergency room visits," said Merrill Matthews, director of the Council for Affordable Health Insurance.

The White House estimates that 6 to 8 million people might benefit from the health care tax credits ("The Washington Post", 3/16/03). "Many Hispanics, especially those up the service sector, are uninsured. The President's tax credit proposal will enable many Hispanics to get health insurance for the first time," said Robert Deposada, president of the Latino Coalition. "While the indigent are eligible for Medicaid and middle and upper income people often get health insurance through their employers, low income working people are left uninsured."

Financial Checkups Key to Long-Term Financial Well-Being

Am I saving enough money for retirement? How can I manage my credit card debt? Should I refinance my mortgage? A financial checkup can help individuals answer these questions and better organize their finances to meet current and future needs.

According to the second annual Allstate Retirement Reality Check survey, 59 percent of surveyed Baby Boomers currently carry credit card debt and 28 percent will carry that debt into retirement with them.

"Individuals should perform a routine financial evaluation at least once a year in addition to whenever experiencing a major life event change such as marriage, the birth of a child or even moving," said Andy Hassan, Allstate personal financial representative from Hickory Hills, Illinois. "A financial checkup can help ensure that savings and investment goals are on track."

Hassan offers the following tips regarding budgeting and bills:

· Get organized. Set up and maintain files for bank accounts, investments, insurance policies, estate planning papers, tax files and other financial records. Keep these documents in a safe and accessible place.

· Review and revise budgets regularly. Individuals should establish a budget by tallying up how much they spend vs. how much they earn each month. Does the monthly income match the amount being spent? If there are discrepancies in the budget, it may be necessary to reevaluate spending patterns. It's also important to assess and update budgets on a regular basis.

· Review credit card rates and fees. Individuals that carry balances on their credit cards should make sure that they are getting the best rates. If cards have high interest rates, consider transferring balances to another card, or call the current card provider and ask for a lower interest rate. It's also important to mark calendars with due dates to avoid missing a payment and incurring late payment fees.

· Eliminate credit card debt. Eliminating credit card debt is one of the healthiest things you can do to start saving more. A good first step is to cut up and cancel extra credit cards. Most individuals do not need more than two, and additional cards just encourage spending more money.

· Evaluate the status of other loans. Consider making larger monthly payments to cut down on interest expenses incurred with student loan or mortgage debt. Work bonuses or tax refunds may be a good way to pay down debt. Refinancing home mortgages is another way to reduce the amount individuals spend on interest payments.

· Seek advice. If after completing a financial checkup, you feel uneasy about the state of your financial affairs, consider making an appointment with a financial professional to discuss your investment and savings goals.

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Picture: Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan

Sheriff's Safety Tips

Springtime brings start of tornado season

As the Sheriff, I am responsible for running Cook County's Emergency Management Agency. This time of year, those of us who work in the area of emergency preparedness keep an eye on the sky knowing that we are in the midst of tornado season. According to the National Weather Service, more than 800 tornadoes are reported annually in the U.S., resulting in an average of 80 deaths per year and more than 1,500 injuries. Thanks to advances in radar and satellite technology, it has become easier to identify and forecast when weather conditions are right for a tornado. However, because tornadoes form so quickly, it will probably never be possible to accurately predict when a tornado will strike. But by familiarizing yourself and your family with a handful of easy to follow severe weather tips, you can help save lives in an event of a tornado. If severe weather approaches (particularly if it is accompanied by large hail and dark or greenish skies), be sure to take the following precautions:

d Always have a battery powered radio in your home so you can listen for the latest National Weather Service report. If a "tornado watch" has been issued, conditions are right for a tornado. If a "tornado warning" has been issued, a tornado has been spotted in the area or picked up on weather radar. If a warning has been issued and the sky is threatening, immediately take shelter. Basements provide the best shelter from tornadoes. If underground shelter is not available, move to the smallest interior room or hallway on the lowest floor of your home. It is not necessary to open the windows of a home as tornado approaches. Contrary to popular belief, doing so will not equalize air pressure in the home and prevent damage. Stay away form windows during any severe weather. If you are in an automobile when a tornado approaches, immediately exit the car and seek shelter in a low lying area like a road side ditch. Never try to out run a tornado in a car. Mobile homes are extremely dangerous in the event of a tornado and should be evacuated. Seek shelter in the nearest fixed building. Finally, if you have children, make sure their schools have a severe weather action plan in place. If the school does not have a basement, shelter should be sought in windowless interior rooms and hallways. It is extremely important that schools do not utilize large assembly rooms like the cafeteria or gym when severe weather approaches. Large, open rooms are more susceptible to collapse if a tornado strikes. The Sheriff's Office frequently is holding seminars throughout Cook County to provide citizens with information on preparing for severe weather.

For further information, contact Sheriff's Emergency Management Agency at 708-865-4766.

Elvis, the hottest show

Tickets are now on sale for the hottest show in town. Elvis, The Summer Festival 2003. One night only, Friday, May 30th, at Giorgio's Banquets located at 276 E. Irving Park Road in Wooddale, IL. Starring the top Elvis Tribute artists in the country. Martin Anthony will perform the fabulous 1950's, Bob West will recreate the 1968 T.V. special and Don Francis will perform "the Concert" era. Music by the nation's #1 Elvis touring Band "Exspence Acct" and special guest Tony Bernard. Tickets are $15.00 with VIP seating available. Show time is 8:00 pm. There will be door prizes and raffles for Elvis memorabilia as well as fun for everyone. Don't delay, call today! Please call Monica at 708-579-3893 or 708-870-3881.

Picture: Terrence J.O'Brien

American National Can Retirees will hold meeting

Terrence J. O'Brien, President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation district of Greater Chicago, will speak before the American National Can Retirees, on Wednesday, May 21 at 10:30 am, following a 9:30 breakfast at Mabenka Restaurant, located at 7844 S. Cicero Ave., Burbank. Edward Surma, coordinator, announced that President O'Brien will share his expertise on the workings of the MWRD, with a slide presentation. President O'Brien, is a graduate of Loyola Academy in Wilmette and earned his B.A. degree from John Carroll University in Cleveland. He is currently serving as Chairman of the Judiciary and Real Estate Development Committees and Vice Chairman of the Federal Legislation and Municipalites Committees.

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Community Gardening

There's still time for green thumbed individuals, groups or families to take part in the Oak Lawn Park District's 2004 "Adopt a Flowerbed Program." Volunteers are assigned a park in Oak Lawn and are supplied with flowers to pant. Volunteers receive "adoption papers" and the responsibility to tend their park's flowerbed all summer long. Both individuals and volunteer groups, such as Scout organizations,, have taken part in this program in the past. "Adopt a Flowerbed" is a great opportunity for individuals to get actively involved in their community.

Available locations are: Administrative Center (9400 S. Kenton Ave.); Harker Park (104th Street & Minnick Ave.); Ice Arena (93rd Street & Kenton Ave.); Lawn Manor Park (108th Street & Kostner Ave.); Lewandowski Park (89th Street & 49th Court); McVickers Park (95th Street & McVickers Ave.); Menard Center (5800 W. 90th St.); Racquet & Fitness Club (104th Street & Central Ave.); Shubert Park (90th Street & Mayfield ave.); Teen Center (93rd Street & Oak Park Ave.); Williams Place Park (102nd Street & Kostner Ave.) and Wolfe Wildlife Refuge (107th Street and Laramie Ave.). Flowers will be distributed late in May.

To volunteer, or for more information, please call Michael at 708-857-2200 or e-mail info@olparks.com.

Jekyll & Hyde in Oak Lawn

Tickets are now on sale for the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's June production of Jekyll & Hyde. This musical, first performed on stage in Houston in 1990, tells the story of Dr. Henry Jekyll, a young scientist who tries to isolate the dual elements of good and evil that humans possess. However, his experiment backfires and Jekyll inadvertently gives life to his alter ego, the evil Edward Hyde. In the Oak Lawn production, Mark Jacobson of Chicago will portray Jekyll and Hyde, Julie Gurrister of Tinley Park will portray Lucy and Joel Craig of Oak Lawn will portray John Utterson. Orland's Park's Paul Nirchi and Oak Lawn's Dave Heilmann are the show's executive producers. Nirchi will also act as the show's producer and director. Josie Nirchi is the assistant director, Tom Fagan is the show's choreographer and Diane Madden is the music director. The conductor is Bill Hansen and the set and lighting designer is Gil Oliva. Performances are scheduled for June 6,7,12,13 an 14 at 8 pm and June 8 and 15 at 3 pm and 8 pm at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. Ticket prices are $17 for adults and $16 for seniors and children.

For more information or to reserve tickets via credit card, call 708-857-2200 or e-mail theatre @ol parks. com. Box office hours are Monday 8:30 am - 9 pm; Tuesday through Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm and Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm.

Pre School Life

Picture: A pre-school student attending St. Linus

Children ages three and four benefit by attending St. Linus Catholic Grammar School in Oak Lawn. Their teacher, Carol Zielinski plans several types of activities for the children on a daily basis. The classroom in not only a work environment but also a social environment. The children work very well with each other. The program for pre-school allows students to interact with each other when playing, for the manipulation of their mind when they are baking or finger painting and to learn about God through prayers, singing and arts and crafts. One highlight is that children not only are learning songs, they also are learning how to perform the words to sign language. Carol's goal is to develop the faith of the children through a variety of ways.

Hickory Hills Park District makes announcements

Openings for Preschool

The Hickory Hills Park District has openings in the following Preschool class: Mon/Wed/Fri. from 12:15 - 3:15 pm (for ages 3 1/2 - 5 years); Tues/Thur. 8:45 - 11:45 am (for ages 3 1/2 - 5 years); Tues/Thur from 12:15 to 3:15 pm (for ages 3 1/2 - 5 years). Classes start in September and run through May, 2004. Fees range from $380 - $495. The office is open Monday - Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm for registration. In order to register, the child's birth certificate and immunization records are required. For more information, please call 598-1233.

Openings in Bright Beginnings

The Hickory Hills Park District has openings in the following Bright Beginnings class. Mon/Wed/Fri. from 9:00 - 11:30 am (for ages 3 - 3 1/2 years); Tues/Thur. from 9:00 - 11:30 am (for ages 3 - 3 1/2 years). Classes start in September and run through May, 2004. Fees range from $275 - $349. The office is open Monday - Friday, from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm for registration. In order to register, the child's birth certificate and immunization records are required. For more information, please call 598-1233.

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What's Happening in Tinley Park

- A Ribbon-Cutting ceremony for the Metra Oak Park Avenue Commuter Station is scheduled for Thursday, May 29th with a public grand opening slated for Friday, May 30th.
- The Village of Tinley Park in conjunction with IDOT and Metra have joined forces to construct over 300 additional commuter parking spaces at the 80th. Avenue train station. The 80th Avenue station is the busiest station on the Rock Island line, with an average daily boarding of 2300 commuters per day.
- 183rd Street is being widened to four lanes from Oak Park Avenue to 80th Avenue with construction scheduled for completion in December of this year.
- LaGrange Road will be widened to six lanes from 179th Street to 191st Street. Tinley Park has worked with IDOT and the surrounding communities to expedite this project from a two- to a one-year project, scheduled to be completed this winter.
- Plans for widening 191st Street to four lanes from Harlem to 80th Avenue have been finalized. Will County anticipates going out for bid on this project by fall of this year with construction anticipated to be complete by the fall of 2004.
- Plans for extending 179th Street from 84th Avenue to 80th Avenue have been finalized. This project will go out for bid this spring with completion scheduled for this winter.
- The Village of Tinley Park during this past year has passed a Village-wide enhancement program. Starting this spring, the Village will be moving forward with landscape and streetscape enhancements for Harlem Avenue, 183rd Street, 171st Street and portions of Oak Park Avenue. Future projects will be slated as budget allows.

Regional Partnerships

- 183rd Street Corridor Program is in the final stages of completion. This cooperative effort between Tinley Park, Country Club Hills, Homewood and Hazel Crest will define and coordinate marketing plans, planning and promotional documents for these communities.
- The Village of Tinley Park is working on a regional marketing corridor for Harlem Avenue that would extend from 65th Street to 191st Street. This three phase, two-year program is being coordinated by the Southwest Council of Mayors.

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The DiGregorio Sisters

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The DiGregorio sisters are not just student/athletes - they're top achievers both on and off the field. Amy and Krissy DiGregorio attend Robert Morris College in Orland Park and both star on the softball team while maintaining a 3.5 GPA or better.

Their coach, Scott Wesley, feels fortunate to coach these young scholars. "We're so lucky to have Amy and Krissy as leaders on this team. Their confidence, focus and 'smarts' help all the players develop a winning attitude," said Wesley.

Jenny, the third sister, is a senior at Lemont High School and also a star/student/athlete who plans on attending Robert Morris College.

The mother of the three is Katie DiGregorio. She helped coach the girls at a younger age. "My girls have always been highly competitive with each other and I think that's the secret to their success. Amy set a high standard in the beginning and the other two decided they wouldn't be left behind."

Coach Wesley likes to think of his entire softball team as a family. And like a father, he sets high standards for his kids. "If any athlete falls below a 3.0 GPA, I insist they attend my study halls twice a week," said Wesley. "As a coach at RMC, I try to follow a college culture that stresses academic success first. Sports participation is just another tool to help the individual learn how to become a team player in life, to face competition and perform to one's best ability," he said. "We are proud to say that 96% of our athletes graduate within four years or less. Our GPA average for students who participate in sports is 3.1."

Coach Wesley suggests that those high school or community college students interested in playing college sports should hit the books. Choose a college for its academic programs and student support system. Ask how many students graduate in four years or less, and don't forget to ask about athletic scholarships and other grants that are available. To reach the Athletic Department at Robert Morris College, call 312-935-6800 or visit the web site at www.robertmorris.edu/athletics.

Robert Morris College is a private, nonprofit, baccalaureate degree granting institution, accredited by the North Central Association. It offers programs in business, computer studies, health studies, art and graphic design and culinary arts at campuses in Chicago, Orland Park, DuPage, O'Hare, Springfield, Peoria and Lake County.

Don't forget to congratulate your graduate with a personal greeting

Madigan takes action against Illinois gas stations owner

The office of Attorney General Lisa Madigan today filed suit against a Delaware company whose underground gasoline storage tanks at 24 filling stations across Illinois spilled or leaked gasoline in 27 separate incidents since August of 1999. Gasoline contains benzene, a known human carcinogen.

Madigan's complaint, filed in Cook County Circuit Court, includes three different counts against Clark Retail Enterprises (CRE). The first count alleges that underground storage tanks at 17 CRE stations had 19 spills or leaks of petroleum that entered groundwater around the tanks.

Count two of the three-count complaint alleges that 15 of the 27 spills or leaks resulted in soil and groundwater contamination that reached beyond the station where the spill or release took place.

A third count charges that CRE failed to submit required reports to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) that detailed spilled or leaked gasoline for 15 of the underground storage tank leaks.

The complaint seeks to have CRE investigate and clean up soil and groundwater contamination caused by the 27 spills. In addition, on each of the three counts, Madigan's office is seeking a civil penalty of $50,000 for each violation, and an additional civil penalty of $10,000 for each day during which the violation continued.

The following local area's were included in each of the three counts:

Clark Retails Enterprises, Inc., 16600 South Halsted, Harvey.

Clark Retails Enterprises, Inc., 3831 West 95th Street, Evergreen Park

Senior Assistant Attorney General Rebecca Burlingham is handling the case for Madigan's Environmental Bureau.

Comedy Premiered

A World Premier of Ben Byer's dark comedy "Versailles" was recently presented at the Athenaeum Theater in Chicago. The presenters were Doled Up Productions and Rob Kolson Creative Productions. The darkly satirical comedy by Chicago playwright Byer is sometimes gritty, sometimes lyrical and is a study of dysfunctional twisted relationships both inside and outside of the family.

"Versailles" tells the wild story of the recently impoverished Charot family living in a filthy, dilapidated mansion in Lake Forest, IL. The son, Rufus, now broke after a stint in the porn business in California returns to his home after a 12 year absence from the family. The plan is to start up a new porn site with his father Carl, a former business leader now working as a drug store clerk. Added to his mix of wacky characters is Rufus's sister Donna a recluse, his paranoid mother Claire, Rick a simple cop with a strange obsession and a nameless Buddhist house painter.

The playwright Ben Byer graduated from Evanston Township High, studied at University of Indiana and the University of Paris. He is a product of north shore and some of the pays insights were from personal experiences. The play "Versailles" is his second venture on the stage. In a chat, Byer indicated he was more nervous than the first production. He hoped that the audience would have a compassion for the characters and a people understanding for those "families" that were different. He hoped that sometime he would be able to write about families that help each other.

Stellar performances were rendered Johnson (Rufus), Warren (Carl), Bartlett (Donna) and Sallinen (Claire). The play ending was particularly interesting after discussion with the playwright. Ben Byer's "Versailles" runs from May 10 - June 15 in Studio Three at the Athenaeum Theater, located at 2936 N. Southport Ave.

Tickets are priced at $17 ($12 students and seniors) and can be purchased at the box officer or by calling Ticketmaster at 312-902-1500. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8:00 pm and Sunday at 3:00 pm.

Kiss me, Kate will be performed at Drury Lane Oakbrook

The feisty musical comedy Kiss Me, Kate will play at Drury Lane Oakbrook from June 4 until August 10, 2003, marking the second show of the 2003-2004 season. This witty musical was a tremendous success when it opened in 1948, winning the first ever Best Musical Tony Award, as well as the Best Musical Revival in 2000. Kiss me, Kate has music and lyrics by Cole Porter, with a book by Sam Spewack an Bella Cohen. Drury Lane Oakbrook's artistic director, Ray Frewen, will direct. Press night will be Sunday, June 8th at 7 pm.

Kiss Me, Kate take's its inspiration from Shakespeare's brilliant comedy The Taming of the Shrew (as well as the on-and-off-stage battles between married theatrical stars, Alfed Lunt and Lynn Fontanne), and sparkles with more backstage romance, off-stage antics and center-stage fun than any other musical.

"Elaine Stritch at Liberty", only 6 shows

"Elaine Stritch at Liberty", winner of the 2002 Tony Award for Special Theatrical Event, will play Chicago for 6 performances only, Tuesday, June 10 through Sunday, June 15, at The Shubert Theatre, 22 West Monroe St.

Elaine Stritch takes center stage with an evening of songs and stories from her legendary career. She dated Brando, covered Merman and performed Coward. From her start as an aspiring actress living in a New York City convert to her signature rendition of "The Ladies Who Lunch", at long last, Elaine Stritch is "At Liberty" to tell it and sing it like it is - and was - in the theatre, and her life.

"Elaine Stritch at Liberty" opens at the Pubic Theater on November 7, 2001 to unanimous critical raves and audience acclaim. The show broke box office records at The Public Theater for how quickly tickets sold and was extended three times. The show is directed by George C. Wolfe, constructed by John Lahr and reconstructed by Elaine Stritch.

This is a must see show and the performance schedule will be as follows: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 pm., Friday and Saturday at 8 pm., and Sunday at 7 pm. Tickets grange from $42 to $77, including $2 facility restoration fee, and are available at all Broadway In Chicago Box Offices, (312) 902-1400. At all ticketmaster ticket centers or at ticketmaster.com.

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Amusement Parks, there's nothing like the thrill of a coaster! Starting May 3, visitors to Six Flags Great America in Gurnee can hope on the new thrill ride "Superman - Ultimate Flight" and experience airborne sensations mimicking the superhero's flight through the sky. For more information, call 847-249-4636 or visit www.sixflags.com/parks/greatamerica.

Buildings, for modern architecture and impressive buildings, Chicago is hard to beat. Residents and visitors alike can take advantage of the sites on the Chicago Architectural Foundation's 90 - minute narrated boat tours along the Chicago River. Tours begin May 4. For more information, call 312-922-3432 or visit www.architecture.org/river.html.

Camping, from Anderson Lake to Woodford County, Illinois offers 80 diverse camping areas with hundreds of individual campsites at state parks and along rivers. Whether campers need a parking space or have a horse that needs a stable, there is something for everyone. For more information, call 217-782-6752 or visit the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Web site at http://dnr.state.ill.us/lands/landmgt/parks.

Dining, from five-star restaurants to corner cafes, Chicago offers something for every palate. Choosing is half the fun with nearly 100 types of cuisine and more than 1,900 restaurants in Chicago and the Chicagoland area. Visitors can also enjoy the season and dine outdoors on everything from steaming enchiladas to juicy filet mignon. For a listing of Chicago and Chicagoland restaurants, visit www. metro mix.com.

Education, students of all ages can get to know Sue, the world's largest and most complete Tyrannosaurs Rex, at the Field Museum (312-922-9410; www.fmnh.or). Just down the street, the Adler Planetarium is now the only planetarium in the world to offer patrons the new "Digistar 3 technology" for its new show, "New Horizons," which opened April 4 (312-322-0524; www.adlerplanetarium.org). Additional educational attractions around the state include: the Burpee Museum of Natural History and the Discovery Center Museum in Rockford (815-965-3433; www.burpee.org); the John Deere Pavilion in Moline (309-765-1000; www.john deerepavilion.com); and the DuPage Children's Museum in Naperville (630-637-8000; www.dupagechildrens museum.org.).

Festivals and exhibits, the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum kicked off its new "Magic: The Science of Illusion" exhibit on April 5, which features performances, lessons in illusion and magical experiments (773-755-5100; www.chias.org).

Gardens, the Anderson Japanese Gardens in Rockford opened May 1, offering new educational and instructional classes (815-229-9390; www.andersongardens.org). Another venue in prime season is the Chicago Botanical Gardens, which offers guided tours through more than 26 gardens and horticulture vignettes (847-835-6949; www.chicago-botanic.org). For even more blooms, visit the Rockome Garden outside Arcola (217-268-4106; www.rockdome.com) and the Morton Arboretum in Lisle (630-968-0074; www.mortonarb.org).

Historic Presidential Sites, Illinois may be the Land of Lincoln, but two other former presidents left their legacies here as well. Galena pays homage to Ulysses S. Grant by preserving his family home and maintaining Grant Park, overlooking the Galena River. Dixon honors Ronald Reagan by serving as one stop on his presidential trail that connects 11 Illinois communities playing a role in his life. Springfield is home to numerous Lincoln landmarks including Lincoln's tomb and Lincoln's Home, both National Historic Site, the Old State Capitol and the soon to be opened (spring 2003) Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (2004). For more information, call 800-2CONNECT to speak with an Illinois travel counselor or visit www.alincolnlibrary.com/Apps/default.asp.

Illinois Railway Museum, Railroad aficionados can get close to more than 250 cars and locomotives, including a complete Burlington Zephyr Streamliner, at America's largest railway museum right here in Illinois. This operating railroad museum offers 56 acres of running room for visitors to watch and ride the historic trains. For more information, call 815-923-4000 or visit www.irm.org.

Jazz, since prohibition, Chicago has been a pivotal cornerstone for the jazz movement. Chicago's clubs; festivals and fairs offer some of the best jazz in the world. Relax at the Green Mill, the oldest jazz club in America, or at any of the other 48 jazz clubs in Chicago.

Kayaking, Kayakers can keep their heads above water this spring by kayaking on the I&M Canal and/or the Mississippi River. Both spots offer opportunities for visitors to rent kayaks and other equipment such as paddles, life preservers and helmets. For more information, call 800-2CONNECT to speak with an Illinois travel counselor or visit www.enjoyillinois.com.

Lakes, home of the great Lake Michigan, Illinois is also the habitat for 3,000 other inland lakes in which to boat, fish and play. As the weather warms up, some of the best lakes on which to cool off include Carlinville Lake in Carlinville; Clinton Lake State Recreation Area in Dewitt; Crystal Lake Park in Urbana and Rend Lake in Southern Illinois.

Music, offering everything from bluegrass to Broadway, the spring season showcases the rich musical experiences available in Illinois. "Tick, Tick, Boom," the newest performance at the Shubert Theatre in Chicago, May 13 - 25, takes attendees on a playwright's journey that inspired the creation of the Broadway blockbuster musical "Rent". For more information, call 800/2CONNECT to speak with an Illinois travel counselor or visit www.enjoyillinois.com.

Nature Centers, visitors can get back to nature at one of Illinois' hundreds of nature centers. Hikers can explore everything from natural environments of woodlands, prairies, wetlands and paths or take onsite instructional lessons in habitat preservation. For those who prefer biking, the Illinois Heritage Trail takes bikers to 120 state parks along the way. A directory of centers can be found at the Department of Natural Resources' Web site by visiting www. dnr. state.il.us.

Oak Park, tours of Frank Lloyd Wright's Home & Studio are offered year round every weekend and three times every weekday. Professionally guided or self guided walking tours of Oak Park's Wright Historic District, home to 25 structures designed by Wright, are also available daily. For more information, call 708-848-1976 or visit www. oprf. com/flw.

Professional Baseball, take friends, family or co-workers to the ball game during the 2003 season in Chicago. Sports fans can hit the upper deck seats for a great view of America's favorite pastime, right here in Illinois. Tickets to most games are available by calling the Sox' ticket office at 312-674-1000 or by visiting www.chisox.com and the Cubs' ticket office by calling 800-THE CUBS, or by visiting www. cubs.com.

Quilts, Crafts and more, recognized throughout the state as an artisan haven, the Southern Illinois region is conductive to both creation and recreation. Offering some of the state's finest treasures, many Illinois artisans have homes and workshops in the region. Just north, in central Illinois, the Arthur/Arcola area offers visitors an abundance of fine crafted quilts to word working products made by the local Amish community. For more information, call 800/2CONNECT to speak with an Illinois travel counselor or visit www.enjoyillinois.com.

Route 66, the famed Mother Road journey begins at Lou Mitchell's Diner in Chicago and travelers can get their kicks as they cruise down the road past Gemini Giant in Wilmington, the Dixie Truckers Home in McLean and Bill Shea's historic gas station and the Cozy Dog Drive Inn in Springfield, to mention a few. For more information, call 866-378-7866 or visit http://illinoisroute66.com.

Shopping, whether shoppers are drawn to the lights on Michigan Avenue (312-642-3570; www.themagnificent mile.com) or lured by the great values at Gurnee Mills (847-263-7500; www.gurneemills.com), Illinois has stores galore. Hardcore shoppers can also find what's new this season in downtown Chicago or at Woodfield Mall (847-330-1537; www.gowoodfieldmall.com) and bargain hunters can find great buys at the Huntley Prime Outlets (888-545-7222; www.primeoutlets.com), 90 minutes outside Chicago and the Tuscola Factory Stores (217-253-6911; www.egeeshop.com/US_Factory_Outlets/IL/Tuscola_Factory_Stores), 20 minutes outside Champaign.

Tee Time, Illinois offers more than 700 courses on which golfers can perfect their swing. Visit Cog Hill in Lemont to see pros tee off at the 100th annual PGA Advil Western Open. LPGA fans can head to Springfield for the State Farm Rail Classic or to Aurora for the Kellogg Keebler Classic at Stonebridge Country Club. Golf enthusiasts won't want to miss the U.S. Open at Olympia Fields Country Club, June 9 - 15 (708-283-8408; www.olympiafieldscc.com). For more information on these and other golf courses, visit www. golfil.com.

Underwater Adventures, the newly opened (April 15) "Wild Reef - Sharks at the Shedd" exhibit at the John G. Shedd Aquarium features a diver's eye view of a coral reef in the Philippines. The underwater exhibit will be home to more than 30 sharks from North America and more than 500 species of reef fish. The 75,000 gallon tank will combine 26 aquatic habitats and feature live coral. For more information, call 312-939-2435 or visit www.sheddnet.org.

Volleyball, North Avenue Beach, one of Chicago's premier spring and summer hot spots, offers easily accessible sand courts for the ultimate warm weather sport: beach volleyball. Beach goers can enjoy a pick up game or watch as world class competitors participate in tournament play. Castways Cafe opens shop in May with live music every weekend and a beachside menu.

Waterparks, beginning May 12, tons of water fun can be found at Knight's Caribbean Water Adventure in Springfield. The adventure park offers bumper and pedal boats, water slides, lazy rivers and a wave pool (217-546-8881; www.knightsactionpark.com/water_park). Magic Waters Waterpark outside Rockford in Cherry Valley opens May 28 and is currently offering discounted season pass tickets until opening day. The "Splashblaster" at Magic Waters flips riders every which way and promises thrills all season long (815-332-3260; www.magicwaterswaterpark.com).

Xtreme sports, extreme skydiving, bungee jumping or rock climbing can all be found in Illinois. Visitors are welcome at 12 statewide clubs taking all levels of skydiver's to new heights. Rock climbers can get their thrills at any one of the 120 state parks throughout Illinois. Thrill seekers can find indoor activities in Bloomington at the Upper Limits Rock Gym, the tallest indoor climbing facility in the world (309-829-8255; www.upperlimits.com/bloomington) or check out The Silo, Inc. Rock Climbing Gym in Rochester, a 100 ft. feat, not easily conquered (217-498-0922; www.daretoclimb.com).

Yachting, taking a professional sailing class or tagging along on a chartered sport fishing tour are easy to find with yachting clubs throughout Chicago and its north suburbs. Observers can opt to stay on land and watch the 97th Annual Chicago Yacht Club's Race to Mackinac on July 12. The Chicago shoreline is the best place to bid bon voyage to expert yachtsmen as they compete in the oldest freshwater yacht race in the world. For more information, call 312861-7777 or visit www.chicagoyachtclub.com/raceto mackinac.

Zoos, babies are booming at the Brookfield Zoo, home to a baby orangutan and infant diamondback rattlesnakes. "The fragile kingdom" exhibit, featuring otters, squirrels and binturongs, is also expecting new arrivals this spring. Located 14 miles outside downtown Chicago, Brookfield Zoo also has special dolphin and rhino exhibits, as well as a new home for their hippopotami (708-485-0263; www.brookfieldzoo.org.) Other "not to be missed" zoos in Illinois include: The Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago (312-742-2000; www.lpzoo.com), Henson Robinson Zoo in Springfield (217-753-6217; www.hensonrobinsonzoo.org), Miller Park Zoo in Bloomington (309-434-2250; www.cityhall.ci.bloomington.il.us), Scovill Zoo in Decatur (217-421-7435) and Niabi Zoo in Coal Valley (309-799-5107; www.niabizoo.com).

For more information about Illinois events and activities, or to plan an Illinois travel adventure, visit the Illinois Bureau of Tourism's Web site at www.enjoyillinois.com or call 800/2CONNECT.

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Oak Lawn Park District plans free Memorial Day Festival

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, the Oak Lawn Park District will feature its annual "Red, White and Blue and Flower Sale, Too" a free celebration at Memorial Park, located at 102nd Street and Major Avenue.

This year's celebration will kick off with a kids' fishing derby at 8 am, center around an annual flower sale and perennial plant exchange from 11 am until 3:30 pm and end with a solemn salute to veterans and moment of silence featuring area Marines and cadets beginning at 3 pm. The free Kids' International Hooked on Fishing Derby will be held at Memorial Pond in the center of the park. Sponsored by the Oak Lawn Parks Foundation, the catch and release derby will award prizes for the biggest fish caught. This is the fourth consecutive year the park district has offered a sale of annual flowers. Flowers will be available for $ 10 per flat and hanging baskets of flowers will sell for $15. Area gardeners also encourage to take part in the Great Perennial Divide, held from 11 am to noon, by bringing perennial plants from their yard to exchange for plants from others gardens. At 3 pm the Burbank Detachment Marine Corps League #072 with march in with the color guard for a moment of silence followed by a rifle salute for deceased veterans.

The complete schedule for the Oak Lawn Park District Memorial Day event is as follows: Oak Lawn Parks Foundation Youth Hooked on Fishing International Fishing Derby, 8 am - 3 pm; 4th Annual Memorial Day Flower Sale, 11 am to 3:30 pm; Great Perennial Divide, 11 am to noon; Ladybug Give Away & Nature Table, 11 am to 3 pm; Children's Bingo, 11 am to 3 pm; Open Swim, 11 am to 3 pm; Magician Ray Scheff, noon; Face Painting, 11 am to 3 pm; Sand Volleyball Tournament, noon - 3 pm; Kausay, "Music from the Andes," 1 pm - 3 pm; Moment of Silence & Salute to Veterans, 1 pm.

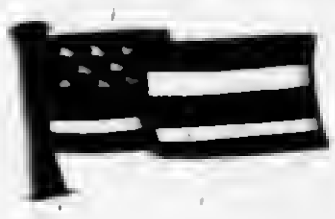
For more information about Memorial Day or to request your free summer events calendar, contact the Oak Lawn Park District at (708) 857-2225 or info@olparks.com.

Please drive responsibly

With the Memorial Day weekend upon us, Jesse White, Secretary of State, is writing to remind all Illinois drivers to celebrate responsible. Alcohol and gasoline are a deadly combination and killed 614 people on Illinois roads in 2001. Forty-four percent of the traffic fatalities over the 2001 Memorial Day weekend were alcohol related. Illinois law enforcement arrested more than 49,000 drivers for driving under the influence in 2001. If a person is caught driving under the influence in Illinois, they should be aware of the harsh penalties that await them because of legislation initiated by my office and passed by the General Assembly in 2000.

Those tougher penalties include: Mandatory jail time up to 12 months in prison for individuals who drive at double the legal limit of alcohol (.16 blood alcohol content and above). Mandatory jail time of up to 12 months in prison for driving drunk with a child under the age of 16 in the vehicle, regardless of the driver's BAC. Mandatory ten days in jail and possible seizure and forfeiture of the driver's vehicle for anyone caught driving while suspended or revoked due to DUI. Four to fifteen years of imprisonment for individual found guilty for committing a DUI for the fourth or subsequent time during a period which the driver's license is suspended or revoked for a prior DUI conviction.

Celebrate the holiday, but plan ahead. Assign a designated driver, take a taxi, take a bus, stay at a hotel or a friend's house if your celebration includes alcohol. Ask yourself whether a day of celebration is worth jail time, injuries or loss of life.



May is "High Blood Pressure Awareness Month". What you don't know could kill you

by Kay Cole James

Could you be the next victim of the "silent killer" that claimed the lives of nearly 43,000 Americans in 1999 alone?

I am referring to high blood pressure, or hypotension, a disease with no identifiable symptoms. According to the Centers for disease Control and Prevention, about one in four American adults have this condition, and over 31 percent do not even know it.

We all experience things that send our blood pressure soaring from time to time, in fact, our blood pressure rises and falls through the day. For many Americans, however those highs are too high and last too long, and that can be life threatening.

High blood pressure increases the risk for heart disease and stroke, two leading causes of death in the United States. In addition to the deaths directly attributable to hypotension this silent killer contributes to more than 200,000 deaths a year.

Optimal adult blood pressure is 120/80 mm Hg or lower. The top number, the systolic pressure, represents the pressure while the heart is beating. The lower number, or diastolic pressure, represents the pressure when the heart is resting between beats. A consistent systolic pressure of 140 or higher or diastolic pressure of 90 or more is considered high blood pressure. The higher the pressure rises, the greater the risks.

So it is important to measure and monitor your blood pressure. The Joint National Committee on Prevention, Detection, Evaluation and Treatment of High Blood Pressure recommends adults have their blood pressure checked at least every two years. If you have been diagnosed with hypotension, check your blood pressure more frequently. Seeing your physician is crucial. Recent studies show that taking prescribed blood pressure medication can lower your pressure and postpone or prevent cardiac problems.

As is the case with so many health conditions, we can reduce the risk of high blood pressure through healthy life-style choices. If, like me, you know your day is going to be pressure-filled, you might want to explore stress-management techniques. And yes, the basics apply. Smoking and carrying around excess weight put you at greater risk for high blood pressure. Start exercising and eat healthy foods. The DASH Diet (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypotension) found on the National Institutes for Health (NIH) website is low in salt and sodium and rich in fruits, vegetables, and low fat dairy foods. (www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/heart/hbp/dash/new_dash.pdf)

As we are telling federal employees through our HealthierFeds campaign, better health begins with personal responsibility. So do not forget to exercise, eat right, and get that blood pressure checked. You do not want to be the silent killer's next victim.

Kay Coles James is the director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), which oversees the federal work force and manages the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) program that provide coverage to eight million federal employees, retirees and their dependents.

Local student coaches debate team

Kevin Trant of Oak Lawn, Ill., participated in the 17th annual Christ College Freshman Debates April 8 on the campus of Valparaiso University.

The debates were conducted by freshman in the University's honors college. They are the culmination of the honors college's 70 first-year student's research, preparation and practice in the arts of oral argumentation.

Kevin Trant was the senior coach for the team that argued for the proposition that "The United States should no longer ally itself with the current Saudi regime".

Kevin Trant, a senior at VU, is majoring in philosophy in the College of Arts and Science. He is a 1999 graduate of Marist High School and is the son of John and Mary Trant of Oak Lawn.

Valparaiso University is an independent, comprehensive Lutheran University that enrolls 3,600 students on its campus located 55 miles southwest of Chicago. It consistently is ranked among the Midwest's top universities by U.S. News & World Report magazine.

More than 60 academic programs are offered through the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Engineering and Nursing. VU also has an honors college, a graduate division and a school of law.

Preschool/ Daycare openhouse

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Weight loss surgery helps people live healthier lives

Pictured: Marge Rolewicz before and after surgery

Marge Rolewicz suffered from degenerative arthritis in her knees. Her doctor told her she would have to undergo knee surgery but needed to lose weight first. After trying numerous eight loss and exercise plans, Marge turned to The Little Company of Mary Bariatric Surgery Center and has since lost more than 100 pounds. Marge felt she was at the end of her rope until she heard about bariatric weight loss surgery. Bariatric surgery is a procedure that makes the stomach smaller, requiring less food for one to feel full. As an employee of Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, Marge researched the surgery and contacted Gerald Cahill, M.D., and highly experienced surgeon with the Bariatric Surgery Center. After speaking with Dr. Cahill and meeting the staff, Marge says, "I felt confident about choosing bariatric surgery and I knew I would be in excellent hands with Dr. Cahill." The Little Company of Mary Bariatric Surgery Center is dedicated to providing thorough consultation and follow up support, as well as new and laparoscopic surgical solutions for the morbidly obese. Laparoscopic surgery is a minimally invasive procedure accomplished through small keyhole incisions with less potential for complications than traditional surgery. Patients report less pain and a quicker recovery time. Severe obesity is a chronic disease that afflicts millions of Americans. Anyone who is 20 percent heavier than his/her ideal weight may be considered obese. In fact, according to the American Society of Bariatric Physicians, more than 58 million American adults are currently considered obese. To learn more about Bariatric Surgery Center or dates for free information seminars at Little Company and throughout the area, call (708) 229-5959 or visit www.lcmh.org.

A Call for Spiritual Poems From Oak Lawn

A $1000.00 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by the New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to anyone who has ever written a poem. There are 50 prizes in all totaling almost $5000.00.

The deadline for entering is May 31, 2003.

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"We think great religious poems can inspire achievement," says Frederick Young, the organization's Contest Director. "Our desire is to inspire amateur poets and we think this competition will accomplish that. Illinois has produced many wonderful poets over the years and we'd like to discover new ones from the Oak Lawn area."

Worth sponsors senior Help Fair

Clerk Bonnie Price will host a Senior "Help" Fair on Tuesday, May 20th, 2003. The "Help" Fair will be held at the Terrace Centre at 115th and Beloit from 9 am until noon.

Participants include service agencies, pharmacies, governmental agencies and local vendors. Admission is free and there is no advance registration required.

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Senator Durbin visits Chicago Children's Advocacy Center

United States Senator Richard Durbin of Illinois recently visited the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center (CCAC) and received a tour from the Center's President, Mike Fitzgerald, who also serves as Business Manager of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 134.

Touring the facility with Senator Durbin and Sean Sorensen, the Center's Executive Director, Fitzgerald lauded CCAC's work with sexually abused children in Chicago and its efforts to educate the community on the causes and consequences of child abuse. Fitzgerald, an active member of the community, has been involved with the Center since its inception. As Business Manager of IBEW Local 134, he also spearheads the community efforts of IBEW Local 134 members throughout Cook County.

"It's unfortunate that this kind of abuse takes place," said Fitzgerald. "However, it's comforting to know that the Children's Advocacy Center exists to ensure that these children can get the help they need."

The Chicago Children's Advocacy Center was established in 1999. A not-for-profit corporation, the CCAC works with public agencies to create programs to meet the needs of abused children in Chicago. The center helps over 2,500 abused children a year, providing a variety of services, including forensic interviewing, court advocacy, crisis intervention and family support services.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 134 represents over 17,000 certified electricians in Cook County, and the National Electrical Contractors Association of the City of Chicago represents over [illegible] professional electrical contractors working throughout Chicago.

The Chicago Children's Advocacy Center is located at 1240 S. Damen Avenue.

Left to right: Mike Fitzgerald, Senator Richard Durbin, Sean Sorensen.

Gold Key Raffle Winner from Evergreen Park

Pictured: Brother Rice High School Principal James Antos (left) and President Br. Kurt Walczak (right) present a check for $25,000 to Gold Key Raffle winners Jim and Kathleen Rynne of Evergreen Park.

The Rynnes, whose son, Jim, is a freshman at Brother Rice, were announced as the winners at Brother Rice's Gold Key Happening in March. They chose the $25,000 in cash over a 2003 Jaguar X-Type or 2003 Mercedes Benz C-Class from Napleton Auto Werks [illegible] and Schererville, Indiana. They also collected an extra $1,000 for selling five or more tickets along with the winning ticket. Other prizes awarded in the raffle included the second prize of $10,000, third and fourth prizes of $[illegible] and the fifth through tenth prizes of $1,000. All proceeds from the raffle went to the Brother Rice [illegible] Fund.

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Chicago actress keeps busy

By [illegible]

Pictured: [illegible] Parsons

Taking with a capital T describes local actress/singer/choreographer/dancer [illegible] Parsons. You can see her dazzling performance at the [illegible] Theater in Evergreen Park until May 25 in "Singing in the Rain" directed and choreographed by Marc Robin.

The show will move to the Chicago Center for Performing Arts on S. Green Street in Chicago on June 19 when previews begin.

The 19th is a significant day for Parsons because on May 19 she will marry actor Sean Fortunato. The couple met when Parsons was working in the office of the former Shakespeare Theater on North Dearborn Street and her would-be husband was appearing in Henry IV.

"As actors we understand there will be times when we could be separated because of theater roles but we'll work it out even if it means a change of residence," added Parsons.

The actress was born in Glenview and as a child was in choirs and local theater productions. "I was very shy so they were my outlet," she added. After high school she attended Millikin University and received her degree in fine arts. Then she moved to Chicago and spent about nine months learning the city before beginning to audition for shows. Her bio and resume is impressive. She's appeared at Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Pensacola Players and Marriott Lincolnshire, just to name a few.

In "Singing in the Rain" she covers the role of Kathy Selden. When [illegible] changes theaters for the present role her husband will be appearing at the Northlight Theater. Parsons also teaches choreography at Loyola University.

For tickets to the Evergreen Park "Singing in the Rain" production call 708-422-8000.

Starfighters to perform in Worth

The Starfighters will perform at the United Methodist Church of Worth's 6th Annual Dinner Dance on Sunday, June 1st. Music from the 50's will entertain you from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tickets are $10.00 each. Call the church office, 708-448-[illegible] for more information. The church is located at 7100 W. 112th Street, Worth IL.

Picture: Cathy & Al Bader (Alsip), Helen Hamilton (Chicago), Club Caller Rich Allison (Oak Lawn), Hank Lorenz (Chicago), Hazel Carnegie (Tinley Park)

Square Dancers Celebrate 21st Anniversary

The "Swing'n Sugar Squares" Square Dance Club of Evergreen Park recently celebrated twenty-one years of [illegible]. Past presidents were honored. Swing'n Sugar Squares will meet for a Plus Level square dance workshop during the summer on Thursday evenings at Evergreen Park Community Center located at [illegible] W. 97th Place in Evergreen Park. [illegible] Thursday, June 5 [illegible] August 28, except for July 3 and July 24. [illegible] Lessons for new dancers begin in September. Modern square dancing is a mental and physical challenge. It is relaxing, [illegible]. For information, please call Hazel at 708-[illegible], Hank at 773-[illegible] or Helen at 773-[illegible].

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Queen of Peace teacher will intern at Fermilab

Queen of Peace science teacher Megan Foley will participate in a summer research internship at Fermilab, the Department of Energy's National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia.

The Teachers Research Associates (TRAC) Program provides outstanding junior high and high school science and math teachers with professional scientific and engineering experiences through summer research opportunities, according to Fermilab. Teachers enhance their leadership skills, increase their awareness and understanding of current science and technology, and promote the transfer of this knowledge to the classroom.

Ms Foley will work in the Particle Physics Division Experimental Physics Projects at Fermilab.

Ms. Foley, a first year teacher, instructs biology and environmental chemistry at Queen of Peace. She has BS in science and biology from Benedictine University.

Minors banned from betting on horses

In an effort to prevent minors from betting at Illinois Horse racing tracks State Senator Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest) has passed legislation which increases to 18 the minimum age at which an individual can place a bet. This important legislation would help keep minors from betting in Illinois. Senator Crotty and fellow members of the Senate passed the bill unanimously on Friday, May 9, 2003. If signed into law, this legislation will keep youth under the age of 18 out of horse racing facilities and from placing bets both at and "on" and "off" track betting facilities. Currently no one under the age of 18 is allowed to gamble in any other forms in the state including riverboat gambling, the Illinois Lottery and Bingo. Changing the law will bring horse racing in line with the other forms of gambling.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND A PERSONAL GREETING TO YOUR GRADUATE!

Moraine Valley to hold 34th annual commencement ceremony

Moraine Valley Community College's 34th annual commencement ceremony will take place Friday, May 16, at 7 p.m., in the college's gymnasium.

The ceremony will honor summer 2002, fall 2002 and spring 2003 graduates. Approximately 550 of the college's 1,482 eligible graduates are expected to participate in the ceremony.

Professor of the Year Susan Phelan, associate professor, coordinator of Phlebotomy and department chair of Health Sciences and Public Service, will preside over the ceremony as grand marshal.

Speaking on behalf of the graduating class will be Nathan Weber, recipient of the 2003 Moraine Valley Leadership Award. Weber, an Orland Park resident and graduate of Sandburg High School, has been very involved in campus activities during his time at Moraine Valley. Weber was elected to serve as student trustee on Moraine Valley's Board of Trustees during the 2001-02 academic year. He currently serves as an alternate student board member on the Illinois Board of Higher Education. In addition, Weber is a chapter officer for Phi Theta Kappa, Moraine Valley's honor society, and was a member of the college's men's cross country team. He was also the recipient of the 2002 Moraine Valley Student Life Award of Excellence. Weber plans to transfer to the University of Illinois to major in Political Science.

This year, graduates will also hear from Dr. Roseann Runte, president of Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. Dr. Runte is an associate to the Council of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, a board member of the National Bank of Canada, and a member of the executive committee of the Club of Rome. She has been president of Victoria University in Toronto, Principal of Glendon College/York University, president of L'Université Sainte-Anne in Nova Scotia, and assistant dean of Arts and Science at Dalhousie University. An author of five volumes of creative writing, Dr. Runte has edited nine books and has written more than one hundred articles and book chapters on topics ranging from literature and education to economic and cultural development. She has a Ph.D. in French from the University of Kansas.

Also addressing this year's graduates will be Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, college president, and Dr. John Donahue, chairman of the college's Board of Trustees.

For more information, call Marianne Naughton, public relations specialist, at (708) 974-5281 or e-mail her at naughton@morainevalley.edu.

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Older Americans Month

Did you know getting adequate food and nutrition can help delay chronic disease and disease-related disabilities? Good nutrition begins with eating healthy meals. For many reasons older Americans are not getting adequate nutrition. One solution would be to attend a senior nutrition program. The program serving this area is located in Oak Lawn at 9400 South 52nd Avenue.

We provide a hot lunch Monday through Friday at 11:45 a.m. We ask for a small donation for this meal. If you are a senior who no longer wants to shop and cook, but know good nutrition plays a large role in keeping you healthy, please join us for lunch sometime and see what a difference we can make. You will be eating a well prepared meal among friends and also enjoying the various activities offered especially for our participants.

Call us at 708-423-5180 to reserve your place for lunch. We hope to see you soon.

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Moraine Valley to offer security information review

With information security a top priority, many companies and organizations are requiring the employees in charge of security operations to attend the Certified Information Systems Security Professionals. Moraine Valley will offer a security information review that will cover the 10 information systems security test domains. These domains include:

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Class dates, times and fees will be announced at a later date. For more information contact Aurora Zwick, instructional coordinator, at 708-974-5741.

Brother Rice announces schedule for summer sports camps

Brother Rice High School has announced the schedules for its summer sports camps. This year six camps will be operated on the school grounds and will run at various times throughout the summer. The dates, age groups and contact person are as follows:

Boys Camp – Three one week sessions June 9-13, 16-20 and 23-27. Boys ages 6-11 contact Rick Chmielewski.

Baseball Camp – Three sessions, June 16-20, for incoming Br. Rice Freshmen, June 23-27 (8-9:30am), for boys in grades 3-5, June 23-27 (10-11:30am), for boys in grades 6-8 contact Tim Lyons.

Football Camp – Three sessions, June 16-20, boys in grades 5-8, June 16-26 (M-Th) incoming Br. Rice Freshmen, contact Steve Nye.

Soccer Camp – Two sessions, June 16-25, boys and girls in grades 1-8, June 11-July 18, incoming Br. Rice freshmen, contact Nick Marfulin.

Basketball Camp – Two sessions, July 14-18 and July 21-25, boys in grades 5 – incoming Br. Rice Freshmen, contact Pat Richardson.

Volleyball Camp – Two sessions, July 28 – Aug 1 and August 4-8, boys in grades 5 – incoming Br. Rice Freshmen, contact Dan Dwyer.

All contact persons can be reached at Brother Rice at 773-429-4300 between 7:30 am. and 3:30 pm. any school day.

Conrady Band takes first place

For the second year in a row, the Conrady Jr. High symphonic band, under the direction of bandleader Sue Clemons, achieved First Place rating in both the public and catholic regional competition.

On an early Saturday morning the 75 or so student band members and the parent volunteers traveled to Manhattan, IL, for their first competition. A week later, after that great performance and achieving a First Place rating, they loaded up on busses again and proceeded to their next competition at St. Laurence H.S. in Burbank, IL. They all felt good about the First Place rating but they also knew the pressure was on. The band kids gave out a big cheer after the final results came in and they won First Place. And to top it off the 6th grade Jaguar band also received a First Place rating.

The State Competition on April 26, was at the Christian School in Palos Heights. They started out with their first song: "The Thunder" and next with "Creed". But their performance with "Festivo" pushed them over the top and won them First Place in State for two years in a row.

On May 2, members of the band began a two day band tour. Their first stop took them to Indianapolis, IN followed by Kings Island in Cincinnati, OH. Congratulations go out to Sue Clemons and all the band members. Their hard work and the many hours of practice paid off. Finally, thank you to all the parents for continuing to support and encourage the students.

St. Rita celebrates Feast Day Mass

The St. Rita of Cascia Feast Day Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, May 22, 2003 at 7 pm in the St. Rita High School Chapel, located at 7740 S. Western Avenue in Chicago. Rita of Cascia, wife, mother, widow and Augustinian nun, is the patron saint of impossible cases. She was a peacemaker among her family and community and she continues to be a peacemaker for our world today.

If you would like to have your own personal intentions included at the St. Rita Feast Day Mass, please send those intentions in writing care of Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA at St. Rita High School by 5/20/03.

For more information, call 773-925-5029.

Latin Students of St. Laurence take National Honors

Picture: seated, L. to R., Andrew Diliger (Chicago Ridge, silver medal), Michael Maloney (Scottsdale), Thomas Rhoads (Oak Lawn), Patrick Flores-Muller (Blue Island), Sergio Valadez (Scottsdale); standing, L. to R., Br. Thomas Maloney (Instructor), Matthew Koll (Scottsdale), Matthew Clark (Garfield Ridge), Michael James (Summit), Rogelio Fierro (Garfield Ridge, gold medal), Carlos Sanchez (Brighton Park, silver medal) and Miguel Rojas (West Elsdon, silver medal).

The entire Latin Class of St. Laurence High School earned honors in the 2003 National Latin Exam. The exam, conducted by the American Classical League (ACL), tests students on their knowledge of the Latin language, the history and the geography of the Roman times. Over 127,000 students from all fifty states and nine foreign countries including England, Australia, Canada, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, Niger and Zimbabwe participated in the exam. All the members of the class received recognition in this prestigious national exam.

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Local business owners presented with international sales award - again

Allegra Print & Imaging in Alsip received an International Sales Growth Award for being among the top 10 business in increased sales volume for North America. The Alsip location is woman owned and is managed by the Makina family. The company's Michigan headquarters presented the award to the Makina's for the second time this year.

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Phoenix Group

The St. Fabian Phoenix Group would like to invite everyone to their speaker night on Thursday, June 12, 2003. The speaker will be Caron Beissmann and she will speak on "Life's Balances." Doors will open at 7 pm and the meeting will start at 8 pm. This meeting will be held in the Parish Social Center, located at 7450 W. 83rd Street, Bridgeview.

Further information can be obtained by calling Tom and Marianne at 708-499-5377.

Retired Employees will hold meeting

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees'(NARFE) Chapter 1106. will hold their next meeting on May 21, at 10 am in the Oak Lawn Municipal Building, located at 9446 Raymond Avenue (5300 West).

If you are interested in joining or need more information, please join us at this meeting or call 708-458-4990.

Antiques and Collectibles

Patriotic songs and memories of long ago wars by Anita Gold

Q. How can I find out the value of World War I and II sheet music that I recently found in an old piano bench among my grandfather's possessions that I inherited along with boxes of other wartime related memorabilia he saved? James Robertson, Decatur, IL.

A. World War I and II songs in all their glory, along with countless other types of sheet music in other categories, including Advertising, Black Face, Blues, Deco, Dedication, Disney Tunes, Dixie, Indian, Irish Songs, Jazz, Lindbergh, Marches, Military Personnel, Patriotic, Political, Pre-1900, Presidents, Ragtime, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Signed Sheet Music, Sports, Titanic and Transportation , can be found listed, described and pried with their updated values, in "the Sheet Music Reference & Price Guide - Second Edition" by Anna Marie Guiheen & Marie - Reine A. Pafik" available in a large 320 page edition with more than 275 full color photos and over 13,000 listings each with the date, artist, lyricist, composer and updated value, for $22.95 postpaid, from AMI Publications, P.O. Box 500, Western Springs, IL 60588.

Other memorabilia including World War I and II posters, flags, eagles, campaign and Uncle Sam items, plus much more, can be found pictured and priced in the new 2003 "Official Price Guide to American Patriotic Memorabilia" by Michael Polak, available for $20.45 postpaid from AMI Publications, P.O. Box 500, Western Springs, IL 60558.

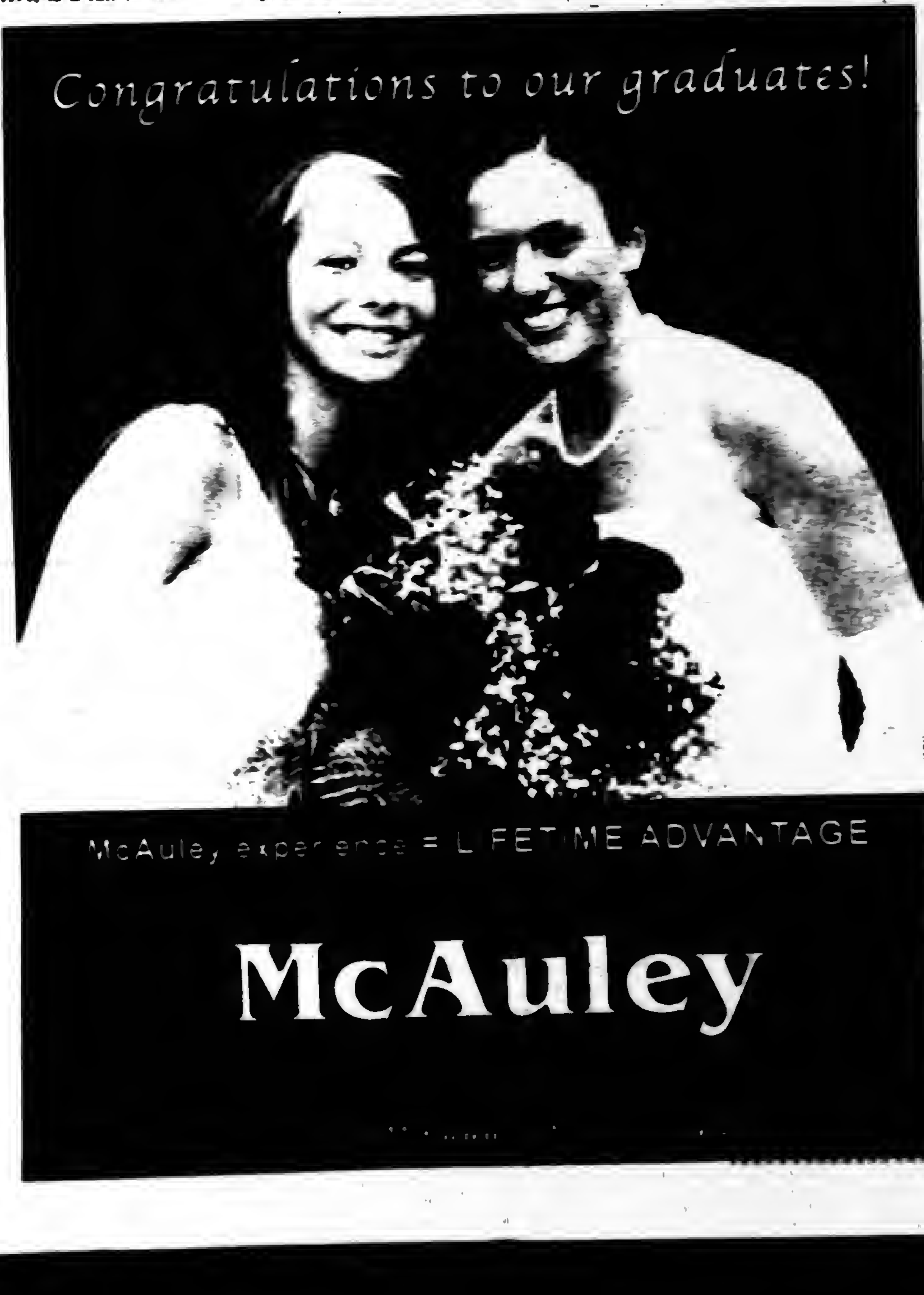
Q. I have a set of Russel Wright dishes by Knowles dating from the 1940's. Are there any books where I can find information regarding their value? asks Esther Bernhardt, Columbia, SC.

A. Knowles patterns are marked with a gold stamp on Russel Wright china, and therefore such pieces are easier to identify being that the name of the pattern is usually found in the mark. Knowles patterns and pieces designed by Russel Wright can be found pictured in color with their descriptions and values, in the "Collector's Encyclopedia of Russel-Wright-Identifications & Values, Third Edition" available in a huge 304 page hardcover edition, for $32.95 postpaid from Collector Books, P.O. Box, Paducah, KY 42002-3009.

Q. Our home is furnished with beautiful antique furniture and furnishings. At a farm auction, we recently bought an antique armoire with the intention of using it in our guest room. However, when got it home and took it out of its packaging, we noticed sawdust dropping from little holes in the wood and was told (by the auctioneer we bought it from) that the little holes was a sure sign of antiquity. It wasn't too long afterwards, that an antique table in the same room had the same little holes dropping sawdust. We called the auctioneer again who said he didn't know what to make of it. Do you? asks Marylee Johnson, Stockton, CA.

A. A fabulous and much raved about safe and harmless oil is Conrad's Furniture and Wood Youth Food Oil (being an old family secret recipe made from plants, seeds, herbs and roots) that'll remove the most disgusting smells from wood and upholstered furniture as well as from interiors and exteriors of dressers, cabinets, armoires, desks, drawers, trunks and everything else made of wood and which kills insect infestation in antique furniture made by powder post beetles, termites and worms which burrow in the wood, leaving a fine dropping of sawdust such as in your case. To treat such furniture and destroy the infestation, first completely saturate or spray the inside and outside with the oil.

Then at least 24 hours afterwards, lightly wipe the furniture off with a cloth slightly dampened with denatured wood alcohol and a little of Conrad's oil. By doing this any insects, wood boring beetles, worms and their eggs will be killed. The oil softens the eggs so they cannot hatch and wood becomes inedible. The oil (which has a delightful scent) is extremely penetrating and should be applied to furniture by lightly wiping it on the surface, but should never be rubbed into the furniture over time with repeated use and restores dried out crackled furniture leaving the pieces beautiful, clean and completely odor and insect free. Conrad's Furniture and Wood Food Oil is available in a 16 ounce bottle for $17.50 postpaid, two 16 ounce bottles for $30 postpaid, 1/2 gallon for $40, 1 gallon for $75, or a 5 gallon pail for $290 all postpaid from Kurt Conrad (to whom checks should be made payable) 1622 Commerce Pines Dr., Walled Lake, MI. 48390-1515. Or phone 248-668-9577 or 1-800-655-5850, given pin or access number 58. The same goes for the equally amazing MAAS Metal Polish, which does numerous, but different jobs as well.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Outdoor flea market

The Oak Lawn Community Church, Presbyterian, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave. Oak Lawn, is looking for sellers for their annual Outdoor Flea Market on Saturday, June 28, 2003 form 9 am to 3 pm. For more information or an application please call the church office at 708-599-4025. If no answer leave your name and address on the answering machine and we will send out an application.

Contemporary Church Service

On Sunday, May 18, 2003, the Oak Lawn Community Church will have a Contemporary Church Service at 1 pm at 9000 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

This service is open to all Christians or those interested in information about the Christian Faith. There will be live music for Praise and Worship, led by Rev. Linda Du Puy and New Creations Band. An offering will be taken.

For more infomation please call, Linda (708) 425-6957 or the church at (708) 599-4025

Oak Lawn Community Church is a Presbyterian church, recognizing all denominations within the Christian faith. They have a food pantry, hold bible studies, support several missions, and are intercessors in prayer.

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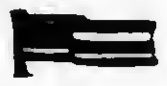
Trinity Lutheran Preschool now enrolling

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, 9701 S. Brandt Ave. Oak Lawn, will be having their closing programs for the year on May 22nd at 9:15 am., and 12:30 pm., and on May 23rd at 9:15 am. The preschool is now excepting enrollment for the 2003-2004 school year.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, which began in 1984, is a state licensed preschool for three and four year old's. The preschool provides opportunities and activities which help children develop and maintain their basic needs and encourage social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth. All readiness skills for kindergarten are experienced.

For more information, or to set up an appointment to view the school, please call Cathy Cepican, Director at 708-422-0193.



Presbyterian Church holding indoor yard sale

The Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church, 8426 W. 95th St. will be holding an Indoor Yard Sale on Friday, May 30, 9-3 and Saturday, May 31, 9-1. Saturday is bad day. For more information call 708-598-3100.

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Orland Park observes National Police Week

by David Vognar

This past Monday, May 5, 2003, the Village of Orland Park held its regularly scheduled board of Trustees meeting at Village Hall. The proceedings commenced shortly after 7:00 pm when, before roll call, Trustee Bernard A. Murphy informed the audience that he would conduct the meeting in Village President Daniel J. McLaughlin's place. Trustees Kathleen M. Fenton, Edward G. Schussler, and Patricia Gira were present for the meeting, which was initiated by Girl Scouts Brownie Troop #350's presentation of the American and Girl Scouts flags and recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

The board approved the minutes from its regular meeting of April 21, 2003, with only one vote of abstention from Trustee Murphy. Also approved by the board was a raffle permit for the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association, which planned to hold the raffle at an upcoming golf outing. Trustee Murphy then read before the audience a proclamation authored by Village President Daniel J. Mc Laughlin, in which Mc Laughlin emphasized the importance of National Police Week, the week of May 11-17, 2003. McLaughlin reiterated the risks police forces take, citing the grim statistic that one police officer dies every other day in America. In addition to his emphasizing of National Police Week, the Village President expounded upon the importance of National Public Works Week, May 18-24, 2003. In a letter read aloud by Trustee Murphy, the village president urged citizens to express thanks to both police officers and public works workers during these weeks.

In other business, the board consented to such items as village payroll and accounts payable, while awarding bids for a tandem-axle dump truck, a dump body, a plow and spreader, and landscaping for 183rd Street conservation easement. Furthermore, the board consented to a request for proposal for a village sound system, as well as a security-access control system.

During public hearings, the board moved continuing debate over an annexation agreement with Colette Highlands to May 19, 2003. Colette Highlands plans to incorporate over 72 gross acres of land in its development, which is to include retention ponds and more than 25 town homes. Approximately 8 acres are slated for future retail purposes. Concerning the public hearing continuance regarding a 200 foot by 630 foot annexation of the Pikula company at 13635 S. 82nd Street, the board voted to move the hearing to Monday, July 7, 2003. Similar annexation considerations involving Sunshine Estates at 11600 W. 143rd Street, involving the company's desire to extend the estates by 4 single family lots, were also forwarded to the regular meeting of the board on Monday, July 7, 2003.Up for ratification in the village manager's report was the Metropolitan Alliance of Police, which the Board endorsed for the period of 2003-2007.

In its last action of the evening, the board approved a 3.5 % general adjustment in its non-union salary policy. The board opted to forgo board comments and an executive session, as executive session items had been removed from the agenda. After Trustee Murphy extended praise and well-wishes to numerous high school students in attendance, the board of Trustees adjourned its meeting at 7:23 pm.

Oak Forest honors Public Works Week, and local coach

by David Vognar

At the City of Oak Forest's Tuesday, May 13, 2003, regular Oak Forest City Council meeting, held at the City Hall, aldermen were afforded a special treat— a national personality was in attendance. Though David Deueser's name may not equate to celebrity status in most places, he certainly has achieved stardom in the The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). A native of Oak Forest, Deuser has coached the Lewis University Flyers out of Romeoville, Illinois, since 1994. Not only has his well-reputed team been ranked one of the top 15 teams nationally for a total of 8 times since his taking over the team, but under his leadership the team won the NCAA Volleyball National Championship on Saturday, May 3. The Flyers became the first Division II school ever to win a NCAA Volley National Championship. Aldermen congratulated Deuser, giving him a standing ovation. Mayor Patrick Gordon was also highly laudatory, commenting, "It's nice to have a celebrity in our midst."

After the congratulatory presentation to Deuser, the council returned to business by approving such measures as the request from the Salvation Army to engage in its perennial "Donut Days." The Army uses the function, a street solicitation project that gives donors tag-day paper donuts, as a major fund-raising event. Also approved by the board were measures to adopt and recognize Public Works Week and Emergency Medical Services Week in the city of Oak Forest. Public Works Week is to be commemorated May 18-24, 2003, as well as other cities nationwide. Emergency Medical Services Week takes place the same week. In a written statement, Mayor Gordon praised Oak Forest's Public Works as "an integral part of citizens' everyday lives." Gordon also insisted that the "health, safety, and comfort of the city of Oak Forest greatly depends on these services."

After accepting the city's regular and supplemental bills, the city council reviewed various notes of appreciation from surrounding villages. Included was a note from Bremen Township, expressing its gratitude for the street resurfacing assistance Oak Forest provided to Bremen Township in conjunction with Bremen Public Works. In addition, the Village of Orland Park Police expressed its thanks to Oak Forest Police Chief John Cooke for his volunteering of an auxiliary Oak Forest police force for crowd-control measures in Orland Park on March 22, 2003. Bremen used the force to preemptively quell a possibly contentious run-in between anti-war demonstrators and a group of citizens at a support-the-troops rally near Sandburg High School.

In preparation for the upcoming Memorial Day weekend, the city council invited its citizens to attend a Memorial Day ceremony sponsored by VFW post 4241 on Monday, May 26, 2003, at the veterans' memorial at the Oak Forest train station. To include the name of a veteran, living or dead, to be honored at the ceremony, interested citizens should contact the memorial coordinator at 708-687-4904 as prior to the ceremony as possible. Furthermore, the city council unveiled its law-enforcement plan for the weekend. Oak Forest will enforce the "Click-it-or-Ticket" program, a nationwide effort to enforce seat-belt wearing among teenagers. More than 12,000 cities will partake in the effort, to run from May 19 until June 1. According to the council, the objective of the initiative is to decrease the national average of 2500 teenage deaths due to car accidents in which teens were not wearing safety belts.

Oak Forest student competes in National History Day

Pictured is Oak Forest High School student, Gian Santos with Dr. Sandra Ryder, his World Civilization teacher after Gian was named state finalist in the Illinois History Exposition Contest. He will be competing in the National History Day competition this June in Maryland.

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Pictured: Marge Rolewicz before and after surgery

Weight Loss surgery helps live healthier lifes

Marge Rolewiczs suffered from degenerative arthritis in her knees. Her doctor told her she would have to undergo knee surgery but needed to lose weight first. After trying numerous weight loss and exercise plans, Marge turned to The Little Company of Mary Bariatric Surgery Center and has since lost more than 100 pounds. Marge felt she was at the end of her rope until she heard about bariatric weight loss surgery. Bariatric surgery is a procedure that makes the stomach smaller, requiring less food for one to feel full. As an employee of Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, Marge researched the surgery and contacted Gerald Cahill, M.D. and highly experienced surgeon with the Bariatric Surgery Center. The Little Company of Mary Bariatric Surgery Center is dedicated to providing through consultation and follow up support, as well as new and laparoscopic surgical solutions for the morbidly obese. Laparoscopic surgery is a minimally invasive procedure accomplished through small keyhole incisions with less potential for complications than traditional surgery. Patients report less pain and a quicker recovery time. Severe obesity is a chronic disease that afflicts millions of Americans. Anyone who is 20 percent heavier than his/her ideal weight may be considered obese. In fact, according to the American Society of Bariatric Physicians, more than 58 million American adults are currently considered obese. To learn more about Bariatric Surgery Center or dates for free information on seminars at Little Company and throughout the area, call (708) 229-5959 or visit www.lcmh.org.

New 2003-05 vehicle stickers available.

All vehicles registered to Village of Orland Park addresses must display a current village vehicle sticker. New residents have 30 days to purchase a sticker. Applications for the 2003-2005 stickers will be mailed at the end of May 2003. Stickers valid from 2003-2005 - for cars, recreational vehicles, motorcycles and trucks - will go on sale June 2, 2003.

Cars and motorcycle stickers will be $15.00, RV's will be $22.50, and trucks vary in price from $22.50 to $127.50 depending on your license plate class. (Note, in previous years, a car sticker was $10 per year on $20.00 for two years. Now a two-year sticker will be $15.00.) Senior citizens 65 years of age and older can purchase a vehicle sticker for $1.50. Two senior purchases per household are allowed. A remittance envelope will be included with the application.

Vehicle stickers must be affixed to the windshield by midnight on June 30, 2003. There is no longer a 60 day grace period. Sticker fees will increase $5.00 in each category for stickers purchased between July 1 and July 31, 2003. Sticker fees will increase $20.00 for stickers purchased between August 1 and October 31, 2003 and after. If mailing your sticker applications and payment to the village hall, please allow ample time for staff to process the application and mail it back. The preferred method of payment is mail-in (with check) rather than walk in.

Green Hills Public Library announces events

Osterman on Display

Throughout the month of May, the Green Hills Public Library will be displaying the oil paintings of Hickory Hills resident Helen Oster-man. Helen has been painting in oil for 30 years. She has spent the last ten years studying portraiture, including pets. "When I paint a portrait I learn as much as possible about the subject. I strive to capture, not only the likeness, but also the spirit." The collection on display, at the Library also includes street scenes. Helen has exhibited at the Chicago Cultural Center, La Grange Art Gallery and Trition College, to name a few. Take a moment to enjoy this collection during your next visit to the library. The library is located at 8611 W 103rd Street, Palos Hills.

Crash leaves one fatality

At approximately 4:30 pm on Thursday, May 1, 2003, Orland Park Police responded to a two vehicle crash near 141st & 82nd Avenue. Witness information indicated that a southbound 1989 Buick driven by an 82 year old female resident of Orland Park went out of control for reasons unknown and slid sideways into the path of a northbound 1996 Nissan. The northbound vehicle then struck the sliding vehicle in the passenger side. The driver and two passengers in the Nissan were transported to Palos Community Hospital by Orland Park Fire Protection District Ambulance.

The 82 year old driver of the southbound Buick later died at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn.

Angels have wheels

All Medicare recipients should now be aware that if they suffer from conditions such as arthritis, cardiovascular disease and respiratory disorders and have difficulty walking or propelling a standard wheelchair, they maybe eligible to receive an electric wheelchair paid for by Medicare.

For information on Medicare eligibility contact Gregory at 1-800-810-2877.

Building expansion preview

Like the lawns and foliage around us, the Bridgeview Public Library will soon be growing as our building expansion project begins. The board of trustees invites all residents to an "Expansion Preview" at the library, located at 7840 W. 79th Street, on Saturday, June 7th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. You will see architect's renderings of what our building and grounds will look like when all the dust has settled. Refreshments will be served and trustees will be on hand to listen to your comments and answer any questions you may have. We hope to see you there!

Unsung Heroine Awards Breakfast

Cook County Board President John Stroger's Commission on Women's Issues held the Annual "Unsung Heroine Award" Breakfast March 27th at the Chicago Cultural Center. The award ceremony honored women from all 17 districts in Cook County.

The "Unsung Heroine Award" recognizes women who have made significant contributions to the well being and betterment of their community. Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy was very proud to present Sister Laurinda Hefel of Saint Christopher Parish in Midlothian the 6th District's "Unsung Heroine Award." Sister Hefel accepted her award with great appreciation and felt "blessed for a great day of affirmation."

Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy stated that she was delighted with the outpouring of support and community spirit from her 6th District, as well as the outstanding quality of all nominees presented and that Certificates of Honorable Recognition for community service and dedication were sent to the following nominees: Jennifer Artis of Richton Park, Ann Hernandez of Park Forest, Judy King of Glenwood and Harriet Niemiec of Oak Lawn.

Karaoke Night

Calling all young adults ages 11 to 15. Do you like music, meeting new people and eating junk food? Then come join us on Tuesday, May 20, at 6:30 pm.

Call the Youth Services Department at 708-598-8446 ext. 19 for more information.

Annual Buddy Poppy campaign will be held

This Memorial Day weekend, as in every other year, veteran organizations in the United States, will hold its Annual "Buddy Poppy" campaign. All proceeds from, this campaign are mandated by National VFW by Laws to be used solely for the relief of veterans, widows of veterans or their orphans that are in distress.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), started to sell poppies over 78 years ago to assist veterans in need. The poppy movement was inspired by the poem, "In Flanders Fields", written by Colonel John McCrae during the World War I when he saw the red poppies growing on the graves of our war dead. The sale of the poppies has a double benefit. First, disabled and needy veterans in nursing homes and VA hospitals assemble the poppies and are paid a few pennies per poppy. Then all proceeds go to further support needy vets by the veteran organizations that sell the poppies. The members of the VFW Post #177 and its Ladies Auxiliary, located in Chicago Ridge, thank all those that so generously contributed to the VFW "Buddy Poppy" campaigns previous years. This indicated that most Americans still care for those that sacrificed so much for them on the filed of battle, that are now in dire need of help. VFW Post No. 177 will be out to sell poppies on Thursday May 22, through Saturday May 24, this year. It is hoped that you are very generous this Memorial Day weekend, to show our brave heroes in Iraq and Afghanistan that we support them.

If it is inconvenient to buy your Buddy Poppy on the street you may mail in your contribution to: VFW Post #177, 10737 Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415.

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Worth welcomes new trustees

by David Vognar

With its usual relaxed camaraderie, the Village of Worth's board of Trustees held its Tuesday, May 6, 2003 7:30 pm meeting at an unusual locale—the Worth Elementary School at 112th Street and Oak Park Avenue. The special location was used to commemorate the initiation of three new board members to the institution and the bidding farewell of two long-standing board members. Stepping down from their posts as Village Trustees were Sharon Wierenga, having served the village for 12 years, and John O'Connell, who spent more than ten years as a village dignitary. Following a presentation to the two retirees, Mayor Edward S. Guzdziol welcomed onto the board Trustees Allie Hartz, Randy Keller, and Mary Rhein, who then immediately assumed their positions on the board and commenced their duties.

Wierenga and O'Connell both received painted portraits of a golf course as parting gifts, in a gesture to symbolize the importance of their roles in establishing Worth's own golf course, Waters' Edge. The two were congratulated by Mayor Guzdziol, while the audience urged the two board members to make farewell speeches. "I have had a great time, and experienced a tremendous amount of growth," said Wierenga. "It's been a really great pleasure for me. (But) it is time to move on in my life." O'Connell, who attended the meeting despite a broken hand, commented on his experiences with city government: "I feel like I've grown up here. I've made a lot of wonderful friends, (but) I'll still be around. Thanks to everybody here, and everybody in the village. I've enjoyed my time."

New board member Randy Keller expressed his optimism about his being ushered in, saying, "I'm excited and looking forward to working with the village board and the mayor. We work well together and bring different points of view together. (We will) support each other once the vote is taken."

After the two departing board members vacated their seats for the newly sworn-in members, the board went straight to business, with Mayor Guzdziol designating the month of May as Motorcyclist Awareness Month in the Village of Worth. In addition, the Mayor reported a successful meeting with Senator Dick Durbin on April 23, concerning South Suburban interests. The Mayor reported that Sen. Durbin was keeping Worth and the suburban area in mind while serving the state in the nation's capital. The board reported that new technology would be implemented in its reading of water meters in the village. Newly acquired touch-screen sensor pads will be used to take water meter readings outside of homes.

In other sewage/sanitation news, 16 sewer incidents were reported in the previous marking period, 4 of which were main line problems, and 5 of which stemmed from home owner circumstances. In anticipation of the summer months, the board updated the public on its relationship with the state-level Mosquito Abatement Program. Mayor Guzdziol requested that the organization notify the village when spraying chemicals, and to target Waters' Edge golf course.

Concern was raised, however, over the proposed extension of liquor serving hours from 2 am to 3 am for a proposed sports bar to be erected at 6600 West 111th, at the site formerly occupied by Walgreens. Worth resident Pat Gunderson, of 110th & Natchez, opposed the extension and questioned the supposed revenue increase that such an extension would engender. Mayor Guzdziol planned to research a possible compromise to the debate, and he suggested increasing security in the vicinity during the early morning hours in confluence with the village police force.

Chicago Ridge to pick up torch for Special Olympics

By Matt Mayer

At the May 6th Chicago Ridge Board meeting, Todd Krzyskowski of Bank One gave a presentation in which he outlined the benefits of refinancing the village bonds. Krzyskowski projected that the village could be poised to save $125,000 to $150,000 due to current low interest rates. Krzyskowski used the cost savings analogy of refinancing a home mortgage at a lower interest rate. The board unanimously approved that the Village Attorney George Witous consult with Bank One regarding refinancing the village bonds – and present a report at the next board meeting. The board denied a request to solicit for Alzheimers on May 9th and 10th due to lack of adequate information in regards to the organization seeking the request.

Business licenses were approved for: EL Wafa Bakery at 10602 S. Ridgeland Ave. and White Castle at 10555 S. Harlem Ave. A business license was tabled for Yankee Candle Co – to be located at the mall – due to the absence of the representative requesting the business license. The board approved to increase the number of class "D" village liquor licenses by one – and granted a class "D" license to Ya Hala Cafe.

A motion was approved to hold a public hearing regarding rezoning the commercial and industrial areas west of Central Ave north of 108th St. and east of Ridgeland Ave and north of Birmingham.

A request by Police Chief Balderman to begin testing for one full time police officer was approved as well as purchasing computer software and hardware for the Police Department – the estimated cost is below $2,000.

Village Engineer Chris Burke presented an update on some of the projects: The side walk restoration work has been completed on Southwest Highway at the Tri-State Tollway. Burke said some addition reviews have also been approved. Bed Bath and Beyond as well as Chili's Restaurant to be located in the mall have been approved. Burke also reported that expansion of Carson's is currently under review.

The meeting concluded with Trustee Bruce Quintos, who outlined the law enforcement torch run where approximately 3,000 officers run approximately 15,000 miles in a relay race across the State of Illinois for two goals – to raise money for the Special Olympics and gain awareness for the athletes who participate. Quintos stated he was given the honor this year to go with the Chicago contingent to Dublin, Ireland on June 18th for the ceremonies with the Special Olympics, in which he will be bringing Chicago Ridge Police and Fire patches to trade with the Dublin Police. Quintos also stated that this is the 1st time Chicago Ridge has been included in the torch run. On Wednesday June 11th at 7am their will be an opening ceremony outside the Police Department where Trustee Quitos, Police Chief Tim Balderman, and Deputy Chief Bob Ebner will take up the torch and run the half marathon – they will proceed down 111th Street to the Worth Police Department, where they will pick up a police contingent of approximately five officers. The group will then proceed south on Harlem Ave to 159th St – west to LaGrange Rd – south on La Grange to I-80 where their 13.4 mile portion of the run will be completed. Scoutmaster Dave Conrad of Troop 3665 showed the board a sample of the t-shirt and cap which will be given to the sponsors of the run as well as the runners.

Palos Hills City Council holds meeting

By Carlene E. O'Connor

On May 1, the Palos Hills City Council voted unanimously to borrow $2.2 million to purchase lake and park acres in debt certifies payable over an 18 year period.

Mayor Bennett said that they plan on paying for the debt at a very low interest rate of about 3.9 percent and according to the ordinance it cannot go over six per cent.

The purchase of this parcel of land he said would improve the quality of life for all residents.

They plan on building a new public works garage, and one for the police department.

A walking path will also be added for residents.

The council approved the budget for next year. The $5.37 million for the general fund is a $15,327 decrease over last year.

Mayor Bennett said that Palos Hills is in the best financial state ever and that the reason the budget was cut was due to Springfield sending less money to local suburbs.

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Evergreen Park gears up to ward off West Nile Virus

By [illegible]

At the May [illegible] Evergreen Park Village Board meeting Mayor James Sexton [illegible]

[illegible] This annual opening [illegible] and 2000.

A West Nile 2003 [illegible] Information and Prevention [illegible] will be [illegible] residents. The publication will also be available at the Village Hall, Community Center, Recreation Center and the Sexton Citizen Office. Sexton urges every resident [illegible]

Sexton [illegible] village [illegible] The involvement of all residents will [illegible] efforts of the village to ward off an outbreak of the West Nile Virus this year.

The village will be involved in a pilot program beginning the week of May 26th, in which they will be [illegible] ...[illegible] which will be installed in 10 different [illegible] This will prevent any mosquitoes [illegible] The village will monitor the results of this program. Any [illegible] village will be [illegible]

[illegible] in the 9200 block of [illegible] Ave. reported a question [illegible]

Mayor Sexton said the [illegible] "[illegible]" Sexton said "There is no [illegible] at this point at time." Sexton [illegible]

The board approved business registration certificates for: [illegible] at 3340 W. 95th St.; [illegible] at 3337 W. 95th St. Suite 205; [illegible] 9015 S. Western Ave.; [illegible] at 3532 W. 95th St. and [illegible] jewelry store at 9800 S. Western Ave. space N16 in the Plaza.

The board approved a proclamation in recognition of Reverend Richard [illegible] Dempsey, who will be retiring as pastor of Most Holy Redeemer Church [illegible] Mayor Sexton's appointments of [illegible] commissioners, committee [illegible] members and the appointment of auxiliary police officers for 2003-2004 were approved.

A request for [illegible] of $5,300 from the Southwest Conference of Mayors was also approved. Sexton [illegible] funding for the 99th and Kedzie Ave. project was secured through the [illegible] this organization.

Village engineer Tim Klass reported that this project is on target. Fire Chief Building Commissioner [illegible] said the Library Board approved the village proposal for a [illegible] Office, as well as parking spaces for [illegible] The village will [illegible]

The meeting concluded with the board [illegible] contract to [illegible] 56/56 sidewalk replacement program. The estimated cost to homeowners and businesses is $5.00 per square.

C[illegible] Miller on page 4 inside

Oak Lawn Mayor urges West Nile Vigilance

By [illegible]

At the May 27th meeting of the Oak Lawn Village Board, Mayor Ernest Kolb [illegible] that Oak Lawn as well as surrounding villages have been working diligently to ward off a reoccurrence of the West Nile Virus and that the villages have sent fliers to their residents. Kolb [illegible] the importance of community vigilance in regards to eliminating water such as bird baths, tin cans, buckets, tires - any container where mosquitoes might breed.

At the previous board meeting Trustee [illegible] reported one source of the West Nile [illegible] was [illegible] Kolb said [illegible] they can't take care of their [illegible] property.

[illegible] resident [illegible] should contact the Public Works Department at 499-7758. Kolb's concern is to make sure everyone is safe from the West Nile Virus.

Additional information regarding the West Nile virus is available by calling the Cook County Department of Public Health Communicable Disease Control Unit at 708-492-2258 or the Environmental Health Services Unit at 708-492-2055.

Those with internet access may visit the Illinois Department of Public Health [illegible] the National Center for Infectious Diseases [illegible] or by writing to P.O. Box [illegible] Fort Collins Co 80522.

Trustee William Keane [illegible] "Best Ribs in Oak Lawn" contest which will be held in July and will be open to Oak Lawn residents only. Anyone interested in participating may call the hotline at 499-7822. Trustee Steven Rosenbaum reported that the village is seeking nominations for the "Business Beautification Award" - anyone may make a nomination.

Trustee Ron Stancik stated that prior to the meeting he spoke with a group of people who thought that the [illegible] TIF district was on the agenda. He said residents had concerns such as parking, alley access, condo owners looking down into single family residents homes and traffic. Stancik requested a communication plan be developed between Community Development and the residents in regards to this project. He asked for more [illegible] board members and the residents. Stancik stated, "I would like this to be [illegible] of a process as we possibly can" and welcomes anyone to call, write, e-mail or stop in at the village hall. His office hours are [illegible] day of each month from [illegible] to noon.

Trustee Jerry Hurckes expressed concerns in regards to home owners not maintaining their homes - such as mowing their lawns. He said this is a [illegible] problem involving [illegible] over and over again. Hurckes suggested increasing the response [illegible] and perhaps increasing the amount of the fine.

The board approved a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of 92nd Street and Menard Ave. The board approved the following ordinances: establishing certain parking [illegible] at 9511 S. Merrimac Ave.; approval of [illegible] granting certain [illegible] variations at 9022 S. Austin Ave. Side [illegible] variations at 8833 S. Merrimac Ave. Also [illegible] at [illegible] 93rd Street. The board also approved a request for a class "E" liquor license for Giovanni's Pizza at 5661 W. 87th Street.

The board approved the formation of an Environmental Concerns Subcommittee. The purpose of this subcommittee is to fulfill a Federal Environmental Protection Agency mandate - in response to the National Pollution Elimination System - which requires a committee to oversee the Village of Oak Lawn Storm Water Management Plan.

There will be one board meeting during the months of June, July and August. The board meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month. The fourth of the month board meeting will resume in September.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND A PERSONAL GREETING TO YOUR GRADUATE!

Publisher's Pen

by: Annette Dionne

Rumors have been flying, and we just want to estimate these rumors by confirming the gossip.

Rumor has it that Martinique-Drury Lane Restaurant and Theatre had been sold to Super Walmart for $12 million [illegible]. After contacting the village hall of Evergreen Park, it has been told to me that, "nothing has gone through the county and ordinance board concerning this property, so therefore it is not sold." Therefore, the Lazaro Brothers are taking reservations for the 2004 year.

Rumor has it yours truly has been to China, therefore people think I have SARS. Recently, I have been asked not to attend two bridge tournaments or several people will not attend. So I opted to not attend. How unlikely I would have SARS, due to the fact I did not ever nor do I have a fever. According to the CDC, SARS starts with a cough and immediately hits you hard with a severe respiratory problem and fever of 104.

It is true that very little is known about the cure of this disease, but there is another disease of a similar called Acute Respiratory Syndrome or disease [illegible].

Please recall that the U.S. government is not thorough enough in checking overseas travelers coming into this country if you are a US citizen. On April 9th, 2003 I flew from Tokyo to San Francisco and my questionnaire asked the origin of my trip and my itinerary. When I arrived in San Francisco I gave a customs agent my completed questionnaire and because I was a US citizen I was allowed to go through customs without a physical checkup or bags scanned.

My daughter's friend died in January from Acute Respiratory Disease and now my friend recently died from Acute Respiratory Disease. Of course, this was not diagnosed as SARS, but in either case, they both died from an undiagnosed ailment, one disease. How serious was this? I believe very, but of course this disease was not spreading.

All I'm saying is if anyone has a cough, sinus condition with green or yellow mucus, fever, sore throat, severe upper respiratory problem, you can be contagious, therefore go to a doctor because you will not know what you may have. You do not need to go out of this country to become contagious or have SARS. Are the hospitals still aware that the quarantine issue is of importance and are they also warning people like they are in China?

As your neighbor, [illegible] are trying to protect [illegible] residents and visitors from the SARS or ARS disease. This is an issue that has not been addressed by the media nor the public.

As of May 28th, 2003, Canada is still complaining about their increasing new cases of SARS after hoping that none was found for the weeks.

If there are any questions regarding my trip to China and/or any questions regarding this article, please email [illegible]

Suburban Highlights

People and Places Making News!

Two leaders from Worth Bank rule the state of banking. Congratulations to Tom [illegible], president of Worth [illegible] Bank, to serve as president of Illinois Bankers Association and Steven [illegible], president and chief executive officer of Prospect Federal Savings Bank in Worth will finish his term as chairman of Illinois League of Financial Institutions in September.

Welcome back to work Oak Lawn Mayor Ernie Kolb! The [illegible] when the Mayor was [illegible] ill and [illegible].

Mayor Eugene L. Siegel, Chicago Ridge will be holding his annual reception at the Martinique Restaurant on June 4th at 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm. Tickets are $40, all proceeds support the seniors and children's [illegible] during the year. For tickets, call [illegible] at 708-425-7700.

Chicago Ridge had its ground breaking for its [illegible] building on 111th St. and [illegible] on May 22, 2003.

Representatives from [illegible] Construction and the [illegible] were available.

Tuesday, on May 27th, The [illegible] was closed from 8:30 am and 3:30 pm [illegible] at Evergreen Park shopping center ruptured the gas line.

The shopping center didn't open until 3:30 pm and 95th St. was closed between California and Western Avenue.

Quick action from NICOR helped in the clamping of the leaks and avoided serious problems.

[illegible] construction [illegible] and IDOT [illegible]. The project is still looking for millions.

Pictured: Owner LuAnne [illegible], wife of Doug of Ventana Winery, is explaining the making of wine and showing the samples of their Gold Winning Wine.

Monterey county vintners and grower association

by Annette Dionne

Monterey County Vintners and Growers Association spoke out for the first time in Chicago recently by introducing sixteen representatives, mainly owners and managers from the Monterey Wine Country.

MCVGA, founded 1974, represents 60 vintners and growers from Monterey County, 16 were representing the area. Monterey County counts over 45,000 acres of planted wine grapes.

There will be an annual Winemakers Celebration held in August. It is an outdoor downtown Monterey event.

Wine tasting will be the primary, with [illegible] displays, live music and [illegible] auction. Call for more details by calling 831-375-9400 or visiting online at www.montereywines.org.

Some of the owners and members of the association will also be at the Winery celebration.

Ventana Vineyards, 2999 Monterey-Salinas Hwy., Monterey, CA 93940, phone number 831-372-7415, is a small but well established business. They not only bottle their special grapes but also sell them to smaller wineries in California.

LuAnne [illegible], wife of Doug, owner and grower of Ventana, stated her husband started the business 30 years ago. They have 22 or 23 varieties of grapes on 400 acres [illegible] Gold Winner [illegible] Ventana 2000 Gewurztraminer. All of these wines plus this one can be purchased on the internet [illegible]

From the [illegible] Vineyards, my favorite was their [illegible] 2000 [illegible] Reserve Chardonnay $32 a bottle. [illegible]

Chateau Julien Wine Estate, Carmel Valley, CA [illegible] acres [illegible] in the Santa Lucia Mountain Range of Monterey County. Over the past 22 years, [illegible] philosophy "to produce the highest quality of wine and affordable prices to the consumer." Three different wines make up its portfolio: Chateau Julien Private Reserve, Estate & Barrel Selected and [illegible] wines produced from 100% Monterey County grapes. Call 831-624-2600 or [illegible]

Auditions held in Oak Lawn

The Oak Lawn Park District Theatre group has announced a casting call for its summer production of 42nd Street.

Auditions will be held on Monday, June 9 and Tuesday, June 10, from 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm. Call backs, if necessary will be held on Wednesday, June 11. Auditions are held at the Oak View Center located at 4625 W. 110th St., in Oak Lawn.

Auditions, designed to cast a crew of 40 performers, are open to adults and high school students. After months of rehearsals, 42nd Street will run at the Oak View Center for two consecutive weekends, August 8-10 and August 14-17. Shows will begin at 8:00 pm, plus additional 3:00 pm matinees on Sundays.

The show's production staff includes: Dave [illegible], producer; Jane [illegible], director; [illegible], assistant director; Diane Schmitz, choreographer; Mary [illegible], music director; Bill [illegible], conductor and Gil Olivera, lighting and set designer. Executive producers of the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre are Paul [illegible] and Dave [illegible].

Tickets for the August shows will be on sale at the Oak View Center beginning Saturday, June 7. Prices are $17 for adults and $16 for seniors and children.

For more information on the auditions or the production, call the Oak Lawn Park District at (708) 857-2200 or [illegible]

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Evergreen Park Public Library announces following programs

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Summer Preschool Story Time

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Evergreen Park Walk of Fame

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Pictured from L to R: Marc Appen[illegible] and Frank Zoltaba

Student wins prize at Metalform Expo

Frank Zoltaba, a student at Reavis High School in Burbank, Illinois, got a little more than he bargained for when he visited the recent Metalform 2003 exposition with his [illegible] class.

The class taught by Bill Russell [illegible]

[illegible]

Marc Appenzeller, [illegible] Frank with his prize on May 1, 2003. Frank [illegible] Knox College in [illegible]

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This [illegible] Bill Russell's [illegible]

Offering Chicago Neighborhood Tours for June 2003

Discover Chicago's culturally rich heritage through one of the city's most unique tour programs, Chicago Neighborhood Tours. A division of the Chicago Office of Tourism, Chicago Neighborhood Tours [illegible] of Chicago's neighborhoods.

Saturday, June 7: Historic Bronzeville

[illegible] Donald Wood Center [illegible] The tour departs at 10 am and returns at 2 pm. The cost of the tour is $25 for adults and $20 for seniors, students and children. Refreshments are served on the tour.

Saturday, June 14: Pullman Historic District

The famous south side village of Pullman, built by railroad magnate George M. Pullman between 1880-85 to house his workers, embodies much of the city's labor relations history. The tour starts with a drive down historic Prairie Avenue, where Pullman and other Chicago elite built their mansions. Later there will be a guided walking tour of the Pullman Historic Landmark District, where patrons will learn about the architecture and preservation of the area. The tour concludes with a visit to the A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum, Chicago's first African-American labor related museum. The tour departs at 10 am and returns at 2:30 pm. The cost of the tour is $25 for adults and $20 for seniors, students and children. Refreshments are served on the tour.

Saturday, June 21: Little Italy and Historic West Side

Chicago's near West Side, a port of entry for many people arriving from the southern United States and Europe during the 1800s and 1900s, is today home to a historic park and boulevard system. This tour includes a guided visit to the Garfield Park Conservatory, the nation's largest conservatory. Later patrons will take a walking tour of Chicago's Little Italy and visit the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum, where Addams and Ellen Gates Starr [illegible] their work for [illegible] social reform. The tour departs at 10 am and returns at 2 pm. The cost of the tour is $25 for adults and $20 for seniors, students and children. Refreshments are served on the tour.

Saturday, June 28: City in a Garden

Tour guests will travel along Chicago's renowned tree-lined boulevards [illegible] the parks like the jewels of a necklace. This tour explores Chicago's boulevards, gardens [illegible] community gardens as well as how they [illegible] the roots of Chicago and the lives of the city's citizens. The tour departs at 10 am and returns at 3 pm. The cost of the tour is $50 for adults and $45 for seniors, students and children. This tour includes lunch.

To receive a full 2003 Schedule of tours or to plan a group tour of 25 people or more, please call 312-742-1190. The schedule is also on view at www.chgocitytours.com. Gift certificates are available.

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Pictured: Bishop John Gorman

Bishop visits St. Laurence High School

Bishop John R. Gorman, Episcopal Vicar for Vicariate 5 of the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago, visited St. Laurence High School during Holy Week and celebrated the Eucharist with the entire school.

This was Bishop Gorman's last visit to St. Laurence in his official capacity due to his retirement on May 1. He is now Episcopal Vicar Emeritus of the Vicariate, which covers most of the southern part of Chicago and southern and southwestern suburbs.

Over the years, Bishop Gorman has visited St. Laurence for many events such as the dedications of the new conference room facilities and renovated chapel. Bishop Gorman has had a long relationship with the Christian Brothers who sponsor St. Laurence High School.

Senior Class top three million dollar mark in scholarship awards

Pictured: Br. Segvich (left) and Mrs. Agnes Kostrzewa, Senior Guidance Counselor at St. Laurence.

The St. Laurence Senior Class of 2003 topped the three million dollar mark in academic scholarship awards.

"This achievement," commented Brother Michael Segvich, principal of St. Laurence, "is indicative of this class's hard work, academic scholarship and excellence. We are very proud of what they have accomplished here at St. Laurence and are happy to see that others have recognized it with these scholarship awards."

Members of the class will continue their education at such schools as Northwestern University, University of Illinois, University of Chicago, Marquette, Purdue and De Paul University.

The Denture Myth revealed

Myth No. 1: Dentures last forever.

While it's true that dentures are durable, they aren't any more permanent than eyeglasses. Replacing dentures at regular intervals of four to seven years makes it possible to maintain a healthy natural smile and prevent intraoral deterioration.

Myth No. 2: Once you have dentures, you don't need to see a dental practitioner anymore.

This is probably the most common myth about dentures and it's wrong for several very important reasons. You should see your practitioner regularly for an oral examination, because your mouth is continually changing. Mouth tissue scan reveal signs of diseases. Besides, checking your dentures, the practitioner will examine your gum ridges, tongue and jaw joints. Of course your dentures need attention too. Important indicators of their condition are looseness caused by tissue changes, bad odor caused by absorption of fluid and bacteria, color change due to age or a reaction to mouth fluids, stains and calculus deposits resulting from mouth fluids.

Myth No. 3: Everyone knows when you're wearing dentures. It's embarrassing.

This is true only if your dentures look unnatural or need refitting. Mainly of the "tell-tale" signs of dentures, clicking or slipping, unpleasant odor of stains, are actually signs of poor fit of improper home maintenance. Regular professional examinations and following your dentist's instructions on home care are essential steps in assuring a "natural appearance". Confidence in wearing dentures comes from realizing that you have taken a positive step towards improving your health and appearance. Protecting your oral health with properly fitting dentures is a smart move.

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Pictured: Babysitters Graduates

Oak Lawn Fire Department graduates 24 Babysitters

The Oak Lawn Fire Department is proud to announce the recent graduation of 24 newly trained babysitters. Graduates were given first aid kits provided through the generosity of Fifth Third Bank.

The 11 to 13 year old boys and girls have attended and intense six week education on the following subjects: basic fire safety, CPR, care and feeding of the children, the parent's point of view, basic first aid and how to entertain children of all ages.

If you are interested in contacting one of our professionally trained, competent babysitters, you can call the Oak Lawn Fire Department at (708) 499-7700, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

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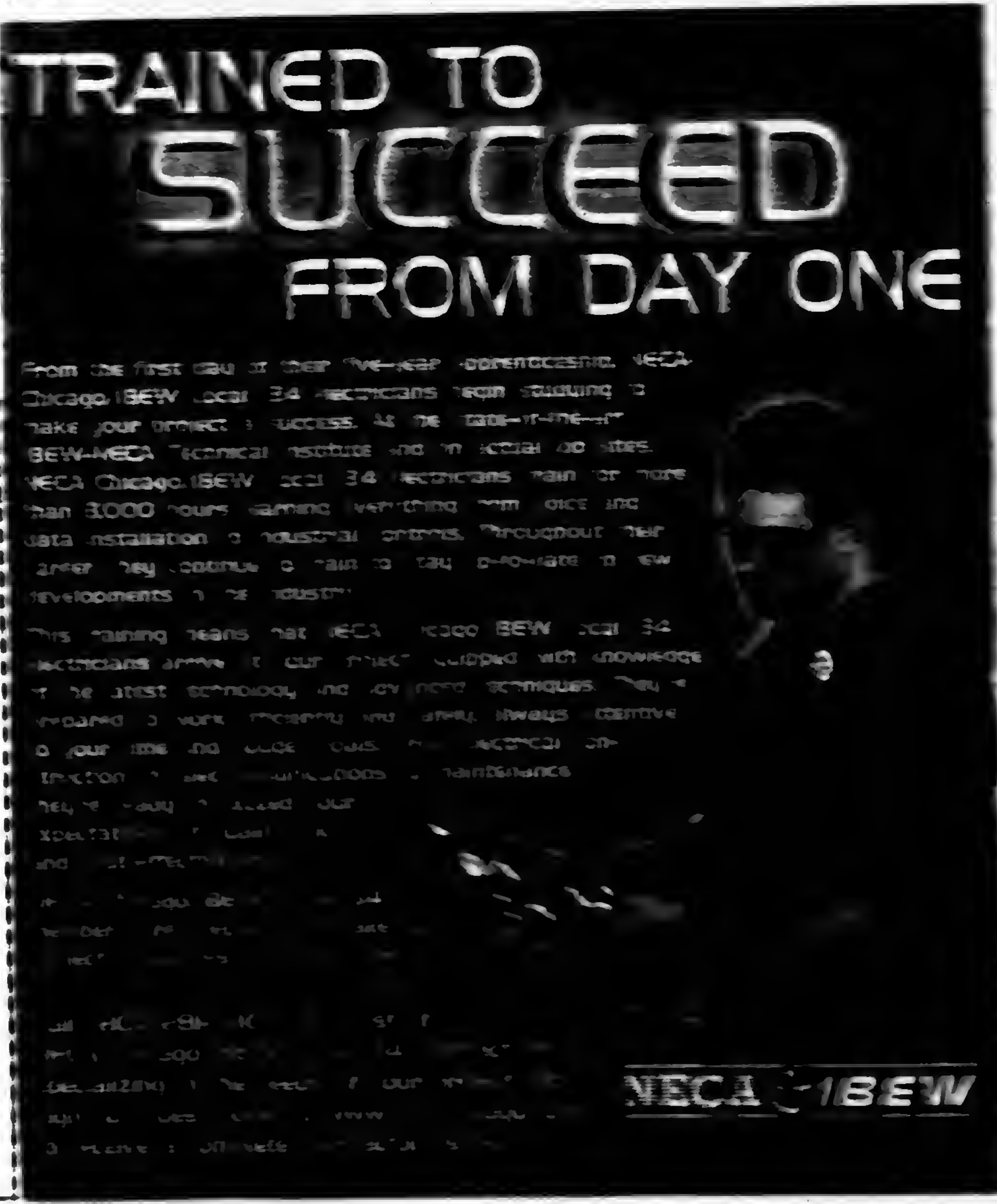

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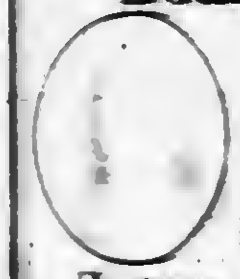

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Woody Allen's "Don't Drink the Water" is an outrageous comedy about an average American family from New Jersey on vacation in a remote communist country. All hell breaks lose when they are accused of spying and are forced to seek refuge in an American Embassy, where things are left in the hands of the ambassador's inept son.

Amid a host of hilarious characters, escape plots are hatched, romance blossoms and rabbits disappear.

Academy Award winning screenwriter, Woody Allen, is best known for his targeted look at human neuroses as well as his unique directing style. In addition to his work on such award winning films as Annie Hall, Hannah and Her Sisters and Mighty Aphrodite, Allen has written more than nine plays including Don't Drink the Water, Play It Again Sam, The Floating Light Bulb and Central Park West.

Don't Drink the Water was a great hit on Broadway, running for nearly 600 performances. Allen took it upon himself in 1994 to direct a remake for television, starring Michael J. Fox, Edward Herrmann, Julie Kavner and Mayim Bialik.

Don't Drink the Water will be performed June 16 - August 2 (with previews June 11-15). The performance schedule is: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 8:00 pm; Saturdays at 4:30 pm and 8:30 pm and Sundays at 3:00 pm. Single tickets are priced at $32 for Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday performances and $36 for Friday and Saturdays. (Tickets are priced at $27 and $31 for previews.)

Tickets can be purchased through The Noble Fool Box Office by calling (312) 726-1156 and at all Ticketmaster Ticket Centers or by visiting www.ticketmaster.com.

For more information on The Noble Fool Theater or programming on its various performance spaces please visit www.noblefool.com.

Starlight Express coming to Chicago

Andrew Lloyd Webber's international musical sensation Starlight Express will play at Chicago's Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Oriental Theatre, located at 24 W. Randolph St., from June 24 through July 6, 2003.

After years of entertaining the world with unforgettable melodies and record breaking stage productions, Andrew Lloyd Webber has written new, never before heard music expressly for this production of Starlight Express. Webber is joined by a fresh young Broadway talent, the Tony Award nominated composer and lyricist of the Full Monty, David Yazbek. Webber and Yazbek have updated the memorable score, which includes music of every genre - pop, rock, rap, blues, even country and western, using contemporary music as their inspiration.

Brought to you be London's original creative team, this all new production of the international sensation fuses state of the art technology, electrifying music and dazzling sets and costumes designed by John Napier, the Tony Award winning designer of Cats and The Miserables.

An impressive set and an unrivaled lighting and special effects system combine to transform the roller skating performers into wildly careening trains, each with its own unique personality. This production of Starlight Express also features an element never before seen in a Broadway show: 3D film technology. The technique brings the action out to and over the audience, promising a journey they will never forget.

As the show begins, a nine year old boy playing with his model train set is sent to bed by his mother. **As he slumbers, his imagination takes over, controlling the engines and cars and giving each a life and personality of its own.**

Starlight Express will play at Chicago's Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Oriental Theatre from June 24 through July 6, 2003. The performance schedule is as follows: Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, Wednesdays at 2:00 and 7:30 pm; Thursdays at 7:30 pm; Fridays at 8:00 pm; Saturdays at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm and Sundays at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm.

Please note: the performance on Tuesday, June 24 will begin at 8:00 pm; there will not be a 2:00 pm performance on Wednesday, June 25; there will not be a 7:30 pm performance on Thursday, July 3. Also, the 8:00 pm performance on Friday, June 27, will be signed interpreted for hearing impaired.

For more information, please call (312) 977-1700. Tickets for Starlight Express, which range in price from $20 to $70 and are available at all Broadway In Chicago Box Offices (22 W. Monroe St., 24 W. Randolph St. and 151 W. Randolph St.)or by calling the Broadway In Chicago Ticketline at (312) 920-1400, at all Ticketmaster ticket centers or at ticketmaster.com. Groups of 20 or more may receive a discount by calling (312) 977-1710.

Miss Saigon returns to Chicago

"Miss Saigon," Broadway's epic musical love story, returns to Chicago this Spring for two weeks only.

Set in 1975 during the final days leading up to the American evacuation of Saigon, "Miss Saigon" is the story of two young lovers torn apart by the fortunes of destiny and held together by a burning passion and the fate of a small child.

This musical, from the creators of "Les Miserable," with its soaring melodies and powerful emotions has captured hearts and awards around the world.

The Broadway production of "Miss Saigon" received 11 Tony Award nominations in 1991, including Best Musical and won three. "Miss Saigon" also received the Outer Critic's Circle Award for Best Musical. The London production of "Miss Saigon" received Best Musical honors from The Evening Standard Awards and the London Theatre Critics Circle Awards.

"Miss Saigon" will play at the Ford Center for Performing Arts, Oriental Theatre, located at 24 West Randolph Street, from Tuesday, June 10 through Sunday, June 22, 2003.

The performance schedule will be as follows: Tuesday at 7:30 pm; Wednesdays at 2pm and 7:30 pm; Thursdays at 7:30 pm; Fridays at 8 pm; Saturdays at 2pm and 8 pm and Sundays at 2 pm. Please note that the Tuesday, June 10 performance will begin at 8pm and the Friday, June 20, 8 pm performance, will be signed for the hearing impaired.

For more information, please call 312-977-1700. Group Discounts available.

Tickets for Miss Saigon range in price from $20 to $70 and are available at all Broadway in Chicago Box Offices (22 W. Monroe St, 24 W. Randolph St. and 151 W. Randolph St.), by calling the Broadway in Chicago Ticket Line at 312-902-1400, at all Ticketmaster ticket centers or at ticketmaster.com. Websaver Discount Tickets are available at www.broadwayinchicago.com.

Mr. Mike McGarry accepts the Teacher of the Year Award from Oak Forest High School Principal, Dr. Robert Beishuizen while Mrs. Ann McGarry looks on.

Oak Forest High School announces Teacher of the Year

At a recent Oak Forest High School Instructional Team meeting Dr. Robert Beishuizen, principal of the school announced that Mr. Michael McGarry, a Special Education teacher was named "Teacher of the Year". Mr. McGarry was nominated along with four other teachers by his peers.. The other nominees were: Geri Biggs-Math, Dawn Sasek-Special Education, Marilyn Gallagher-Special Education and Valerie Kazich-Special Education.

Mr. McGarry was chosen based on positive contributions to the overall climate of the school, personal triumph over adversity and exemplary involvement beyond the traditional parameters associated with the school day. Mr. McGarry earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Studies at Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado. He has taught in the Bremen School District for 30 years, 26 of them at Oak Forest. Mike was a Drill Sergeant in the Marines during the Viet Nam War and has brought a unique approach to teaching high school students. He is married to Ann and has three children: Mike, Ann and Allison.

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Oak Lawn Chamber holds monthly luncheon

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will meet for their next monthly luncheon on Tuesday, June 10, at the Hilton Oak Lawn, located at 9333 S. Cicero Ave.

Networking at 11:30 am. Lunch follows at noon.

The featured speaker will be Bob Gates, a golf pro and instructor from the Oak Lawn Park District Stony Creek Golf Course, who will give tips on improving your game.

Afterwards, George Cachares of Southwest Physical Therapy will offer some useful pointers for avoiding golf injuries.

To make a lunch reservation, call 708-424-8300.

Oak Lawn Library announces following programs

Annual Membership Drive

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library are now accepting new members and renewals for their 2003-2004 membership year. The fee is $5 for an individual and $8 for a family, which includes a spouse and any children under age 18.

The benefits of membership are news updates from the Friends and discounts on most trip tickets. Membership forms are available at the library's reception booth and via the Friends web site at www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/friends.htm.

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting use of the Oak Lawn Public Library, furnishing equipment and materials that are beyond the library's budget and bringing opportunities for cultural enrichment to area residents.

Each year, between 500 to 800 people join the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library. Their membership year runs June 1 through May 31.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations, at 708-422-4990.

Chicago Cubs Game Trip

Tickets are still available for a trip to see the Chicago Cubs play the Milwaukee Brewers at Wrigley Field on Thursday, June 26 with the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

The cost for this trip, which includes transportation to the ballpark and reserved upper deck box seats, is $35 for Friends members and $40 for others.

The bus will depart at 11:30 am and return at 5:30 pm.

To purchase tickets, call Donna Beckett at 708-598-8566.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free Blood Pressure Screenings on Wednesday, June 11 at 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, in the lower level meeting room of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St.

Participants may also speak one on one with a physician from Advocate Christ Medical Center at a special "Ask the Doctor" forum. No screenings will be held at the library in July, August and September.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of the Oak Lawn and Advocate Christ Medical Center. Their mission is to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government businesses, schools and the community. The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

For additional information, call Peggy Daudell at Christ Hospital 708-346-3289, or the library at 708-422-4990.

Tinley Park Farmer's Market will be held

The Farmer's Market will be every Saturday from June 7th through October 11th at the Metra Train Station at Oak Park Avenue and 173rd Place in Tinley Park.

They open at 7:00 am and close at noon.

Traffic Safety Hints by Secretary of State

Q. What does Illinois law say about safety belt usage?

A. Safety belts must be worn by all drivers and front seat passengers six years of age and over even if the vehicle has air bags.

It is the responsibility of the driver to see that all front seat passengers ages 6 to 16 obey this law. Anyone found guilty of disobeying this law may have to pay up to $75 in fines and court costs.

Children under six years of age are covered by the Child Passenger Protection Act.

Q. What about back seat passengers?

A. All passengers in the back seat(s) under the age of 18 must wear seat belts.

Exceptions are motorcycles and second division vehicles containing only a front seat. In a second division vehicle, more than one passenger is allowed, provided that each passenger is in a properly secured seat belt.

Violators of this law may have to pay up to $75 in fines and court costs.

Q. What does the law say about buckling up children who are riding in a vehicle?

A. Children under the age of four must be secured in an approved child resistant system, more commonly called a child safety seat. Four and five year olds must be secured either in a safety seat or by a safety belt.

Parents or legal guardians of children under the age of four are responsible for providing a child safety seat to anyone who transports his or her child.

Unlike the safety belt law, the Child Passenger Law is a primary enforcement citation. You can be stopped and ticketed for violating this law without any other violations present.

Boy Scout Troop will hold Car Wash

Is your car dirty? Treat your Dad to a clean car for Fathers Day and support the Boy Scouts at the same time.

Hometown Boy Scout Troop 682 will hold a Car Wash on Saturday, June 14, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Moose Lodge parking lot, located at 4500 W. 87th Street in Chicago.

Cars will be washed for $5; vans and trucks for $10. Hot dog and drink will be available for $1.

Aglow will hold meeting

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, June 12, 2003 at the White Rose Banquet Hall, located at 6501 W. 79th St., Burbank, IL.

The featured speaker for June will be Rev. Ronald Spagnolo. Come with a friend to hear this dynamic speaker as he spreads God's Word. Dinner tickets are $12.50, available at 6:30 pm at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7:00 pm.

For reservations and or additional information, call Josephine at (773) 767-8031.

Hickory Hills Park District is offering following programs

Little Rascals Summer Camp

The Hickory Hills Park District is offering a summer camp for ages 3 1/2 to 5 1/2 years from June 23 to July 31 on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday from 9:45 am to 12:15 pm at Kasey Meadow Park, located 8047 W. 91st Place. The fee is $55 for residents or $65 for non residents.

For more information call the park district at (708) 598-1233.

Mini Camps

The Hickory Hills Park District is offering mini camps for children 7 to 12 years of age on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and children 5 1/2 to 8 years of age on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. The camps will be held June 16 to July 25. The fee for three days a week is $75 for residents and $85 for non residents. The fee for two days a week is $55 for residents and $65 for non residents. Fee includes all supplies.

For more information call the park district at (7080 598-1233.

Early Childhood Programs

Nature Tracks is geared toward the 4 to 5 year old nature enthusiast. Learn about nature by going for walks, doing crafts and taking pictures. Children will experience and appreciation for nature, their community and learn that there is more fun than video games. Class will be on Wednesdays June 11 to July 30 from 1:30 to 2:15 pm. The fee is $32 for residents, $37 non residents.

For more information call the park district at 598-1233.

Bubbles, Colors & Shaving Cream will be held on Wednesdays, June 11 to July 30 from 2:30 until 3:15 pm. Children ages 3 1/2 to 5 will make a mess and participate in active games and group activities. Fee for residents is $28, non resident $33.

Call the park district at 598-1233 for more information.

Special events for youth and teens

Teens ages 12 to 17 years are invited to join us as we travel to the largest waterpark in the Midwest, Magic Waters in Rockford, IL. We depart at 10:00 am on Friday, June 13 and are scheduled to return at 5:45 pm. Deadline for registration is Friday, June 6, 2003. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Fee of $20 per person includes bus transportation and admission.

Call the park district office at 598-1233 for more information.

Ice Cream fans dive into flavor fun

Edy's Grand Ice Cream is making waves with two new flavors inspired by "Finding Nemo", the latest Walt Disney Pictures presentation of a Pixar Animation Studios film. "Fish 'N Chips in a Cookie Dough Wave" and "Mint Cookie Crush", available for a limited time, deliciously capture the excitement of this seaworthy adventure The flavors are available in freezer aisles nationwide through the end of August. To find out where they're coming ashore in your neighborhood, log on to Edy's Flavor Finder at www.Edys.com.

Pictured: Marge Nykaza (far right-back to audience) Director of Harmony, Hope and Healing directs choir members during concert.

Harmonie, Healing and Hope choir held concert

"When we came together to sing at Rockefeller Chapel there was a power there greater than ourselves. This to me is very healing to the soul." These are the words of a resident on one of the six shelters served by Harmony, Healing and Hope, a creative music program offering dignity and spiritual healing to the homeless and underserved in the Chicago area.

The sites served by HHH and its director, Marge Nykaza, are St. Martin de Porres House of Hope, Marah's Transitional Housing of Deborah's Place, The Mantle of Port Ministries, Maria Shelter, Vincennes Senior Center and Casa Notre Dame of the Institute of Women Today.

Recently the combined choirs of the shelters gave a concert at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel at the University of Chicago.

The organization is the recipient of an $18,000 grant from the Sisters of Mercy, Chicago Regional Community, Agatha O'Brien Ministry Fund. The fund is named to honor the first superior of the first Sisters of Mercy who arrived in Chicago in 1846. The fund helps local efforts to meet the needs of poor or suffering people through "innovative ministries" which respond to contemporary human needs and to respond to the needs of women, children and multicultural communities.

The Sisters of Mercy are a global congregation of Catholic women religious who value prayer, life in community and compassionate ministry. Sister, associates and volunteer serve people who are poor, sick and uneducated, with a special concern for women and children. Since its founding in 1831, Sisters of Mercy have used their deep knowledge and expertise to initiate systems for healthcare, education, housing, advocacy and social services.

St. Peter and St. Paul Orthodox Church Choir

Pictured: Mr. John Sutko

Mr. John Sutko is celebrating 50 years of choir directing in the Orthodox Church. Starting by directing the Liturgy in church Slavonic at the age of 18, Mr. Sutko has been at St. Peter and St. Paul for all of these 50 years. The church formerly located in Chicago, has just celebrated its fifth year in Burr Ridge, Illinois. When asked about some of his most memorable experiences during his fifty years of service to the church, he replied that "there are too many wonderful things that I can recall with directing the choir and the services at St. Peter and St. Paul and also in other Orthodox churches in the Chicago area. The most memorable however, would be directing the services during the visits of Patriarch Aleksy II of Russia and Patriarch Pavle of the Serbian Orthodox Church here in Chicago. I feel that I have been extremely fortunate to have had the privilege of teaching and directing the beautiful liturgical music of the Orthodox Church." Mr. Sutko has also done extensive work with arrangements and adaptations of many of the compositions in the vesper services and in the Divine Liturgies. He has complied many service collections and has made them available to churches and choirs throughout the nation. His most recent collections have been the Memorial Service (Requiem) and the newly published Christmas Carol Book. Mr. Sutko has been a resident of Burbank for over 40 years.

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ILCC Educational Conference scheduled

The Village of Orland Park and the Southwest Conference of Mayors will host the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) Educational Conference on Tuesday, June 10, 2003 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Orland Park Civic Center, located at 14750 South Ravinia Avenue.

More than 650- licensees have been invited to this informational seminar for owners, managers and employees of liquor establishments.

Members of the ILCC legal staff and investigations team will be speaking about current state laws, new legislation, routine inspections procedures and common violations. The seminar will stress the importance of carding and the prevention of over serving. There will also be time for questions and concerns.

The seminar provides and excellent opportunity to further educate liquor establishment employees on responsibly serving and selling alcohol. All liquor licensees are encouraged to participate in this educational conference.

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Local student coaches Debate Team

Kevin Trant of Oak Lawn, IL., participated in the 17th annual Christ College Freshman Debates April 8 on the campus of Valparaiso University.

The debates were conducted by freshmen in the university's honors college. They are the culmination of the honors college's 70 first year students' research, preparation and practice in the arts of orals argumentation.

Kevin Trant was the senior coach for the team that argued for the proposition that "The United States should no longer ally itself with the current Saudi regime."

Kevin Trant, a senior at VU, is majoring in philosophy in the College of Arts and Sciences. He is a 1999 graduate of Marist High School and is the son of John and Mary Trant of Oak Lawn.

Pictured: Maddie Kelly and Joseph J. Bannon

Oak Lawn Park District Director receives Award

On Friday, May 2, Oak Lawn Park District Director Maddie Kelly received a prestigious parks and recreation management award from the Department of Leisure Studies University of Illinois at Urbana-Campaign.

The Joseph J. Bannon Practitioner Award is presented to a practitioner who has displayed innovation in community service and support of the fields of parks and recreation at both the state and national level.

Kelly has served as the Oak Lawn Park District's director since May 1996. As director, she is responsible for administration of all park departments and manages a $12 million annual budget. Kelly is actively involved with the National Parks and Recreation Association (NRPA), Illinois Parks and Recreation Association (IPRA), the South Suburban Parks and Recreation Professionals Association (SSPRPA), the University of Illinois Department of Leisure Studies, the Mother McAuley High School Development Board and the Oak Lawn Community Partnership Program. She holds a B.A. in Leisure Studies from the University of Illinois and a M.A. in recreation Administration from Michigan State University.

Recent accomplishments as Oak Lawn Park District Director include the completion of the Stony Creek Golf Course Clubhouse, receiving two IPRA Outstanding Program Awards and securing more than $440,000 in grant money for Park District projects and facilities.

Orland Park is holding Garden Contest

Spring is here so spruce up your lawns and gardens, plant your flowers and show off your hard work and imagination! Village of Orland Park residents are invited to enter the 5th Annual Garden Contest and be recognized for their efforts.

The contest is open to amateur gardeners, 18 years of age and older, residing within the corporate limits of the village. Landscape architects, contractors and professional gardeners are not eligible to enter.

Points will be given for originality, creativity and overall maintenance, as well as the use of native landscaping color, texture and the variety and combination of plants and flowers used.

This year's contest features two categories from which to choose.

Detached single Family Residence Category: Judging will include front, back and side yards, how the landscaping relates to the house, but will not include the house itself.

Subdivision Entrance Category: Contestants must be homeowners or group of homeowners who have planted, maintained and made improvements to enhance the entrance to a subdivision.

Applications are available at the Public Information Desk in the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, located at 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. The deadline for entries is June 30th. Contestants do not need to be home at the time of judging. Judging will take place in July and awards will be presented at a Village of Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting in August or September.

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Pictured: Mother McAuley 2003 G.C.A.C. Outdoor 2nd place champions. Back row, left to right: head coach Stan Bartecki and asst. coach Bob Brodsky. Back row far right asst. coaches Kim Jirik and Tracy Lehner.

Mother McAuley Track and Field Team wins second place

The Mother McAuley Track and Field Team captured second place at the Girls Catholic Athletic Conference Outdoor Meet held at Loyola Academy Saturday May 10th. Fifteen teams competed. Shown are the 46 team members and head coach Stan Bartecki and assistant coach Bob Brodsky (both residing in Evergreen Park) and assistant coaches Kim Jirik and Tracy Lehner (from Chicago). Photo by Bob Brodsky.

Scholarship Winner begins Internship

Todd Czworniak, 2000 graduate of Richards High School in Oak Lawn and National Merit Scholarship winner, has attended Bradley University in Peoria for the past three years majoring in mechanical engineering. He is a member of Pi Tau Sigma and Tau Beta Pi which are both Engineering Honor Societies.

This summer Todd has begun a internship position with Environmental Systems Design, Inc. (ESD) located downtown Chicago. ESD is the Midwest's largest mechanical, electrical, plumbing., fire protection and communication technology engineering consulting firm.

Charity Golf Outing being held

Mayor Mike Howley's two person charity golf scramble returns to Maple Meadows Country Club, located at 271 South Addison Road, Wood Dale, IL.,on Saturday, June 7, 2003.

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Things are swinging at Willowbrook Ballroom

Willowbrook Ballroom is offering special accelerated swing dance classes with instructors "Riley and Margot" at 6:30 - 7:30 pm on Sunday nights beginning June 8 at Willowbrook Ballroom, located at 8900 S. Archer Avenue, Willow Springs. This lesson precedes the regular basic lesson that starts at 7:30 pm every Sunday with Mark Fullerton.

The accelerated lessons will last for four weeks (June 8, 15, 22 and 29) and they will focus on expanding dancing skills and the Charleston and also allow participants to integrate a variety of steps and styling. Basic understanding of six count swing is required and no partner is necessary.

The class fee is $5 a lesson, payable to the instructors upon arrival. While each class builds upon the previous one, there is no need to attend all four classes. Regular admission ($7) to Sunday Night Swing Dance still applies.

For more information, call (708) 839-1000 or visit http://lindyhop.tripod.com.

Hunger Walk to be held

Operation Blessing, in Crestwood, in conjunction with the Chicago Food Depository, is having a Hunger Walk on Saturday, June 21, 2003.

The 5K Walk will be along the Lake Front at 31st St. and Lake Shore Drive. The Check-in begins at 8:00 am and the Step-off starts at 9:30 am. Make this a family affair.

Advance registration will be at Operation Blessing, which is located at 4330 W. Midlothian Turnpike in Crestwood IL., 60445.

For a pledge sheet or more information call Roy Hanson at 708-597-6326.

All walkers will receive a t-shirt.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND A PERSONAL GREETING TO YOUR GRADUATE!

Pictures: Johnny Gonzales (left picture)   Nicolas Vargas (right picture)
Both are being presented with an award by Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka.

Awards being presented

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka presented Johnny Gonzales, Pastry Chef, and Nicolas Vargas, special award for outstanding effort, a proclamation for their work with Douglas Taylor Elementary School Culinary Arts Program, at a special luncheon for the students at Biggs Mansion Restaurant in Chicago.

The culinary arts class was honored for their many awards and accomplishments at a luncheon at the restaurant hosted by special guest Topinka along with owner and management of Biggs.

"These students should be commended for all their hard work and culinary talents," said Topinka.

The program was created by teacher Gloria Hafer. The program began in 1997, as a means to teach practical skills, instill pride and give the students an after school alternative to the forces that awaited them beyond school grounds. Now in it's 6th year the success of this program has been immense.

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The Association recognized the school on April 8, 2003 at its annual meeting in Chicago. Brother Rice High School joins over 9,000 schools across at 19 state region that were honored for attending accreditation.

To achieve accreditation, schools must meet NCA CASI's quality standards, be evaluated by a team of professionals from outside the school and engage in continuous school improvement focused on increasing student performance. The accreditation process is voluntary and must be renewed each year. This is the 44th consecutive year the Brother Rice has achieved accreditation. Accreditation provides an external mark of quality and a proven process for school improvement.

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Orland Park approves new firearm ordinance

by David Wagner

The Village of Orland Park held its regular board of Trustees meeting on Monday, May 19, 2003, with a buzz of excitement reverberating from all corners of Village Hall. Up for discussion before the board was the heatedly debated ordinance #3458, which would make it illegal to sell firearms a quarter-mile from a public or private school building in the village. At the epicenter of the debate is Galyan's Trading Co., a sporting goods chain which operates 37 stores throughout the United States, one of which is adjacent to Orland Center School at 9407 West 151st Street.

Mayor Dan McLaughlin and other members of the board expressed concern regarding the juxtaposition of a school and a sporting outfitter which would be authorized to sell firearms. A capacity crowd was on hand to witness the board's decision and engage in an open forum debate.

Vocal opposition to the new ordinance was raised by many Orland Park citizens, including twenty-eight year Orland Park resident Mike Quirk, who felt that a compromise was in order. "The current ordinance doesn't say anything about the distance between our schools and where we sell firearms," said Quirk. Quirk argued that, though selling firearms in the general area of a school facility seems like an ignorant practice, Galyan's has made sufficient provisions in its prior agreements with the village to protect the safety of Center School children.

Other citizens concurred with Quirk's support of Galyan's, citing the company's written commitment to restrict firearm sales to non-school day hours. Galyan's also promised to provide complementary trigger locks for every firearm purchase.

Also during open forum, Scout leader and citizen Melissa Christofero argued that the services that companies like Galyan's provide in the area of firearm sales do a great service to the community. Galyan's offers firearm-education courses, and its reputation for quality and professionalism, Christofero surmised, lends well to other scouting experiences. Christofero reasoned that credible institutions like Galyan's reinforce the safety precautions espoused by the shotgun-shooting and rifle-shooting merit badges of the Boy Scouts of America. Christofero said that scouting and institutions like Galyan's should be praised for their firearm responsibility education.

Galyan's Regional Vice-President Fred Lain appealed to the board to view the issue from the economic standpoint of Galyan's Trading Co. Lain argued that, although firearm sales account for very little of Galyan's gross profit, the credibility of the company is at stake. Loyal Galyan's customers, he posited, would be turned off by the company's lack of firearm sales, taking their business elsewhere. Lain argued that other Galyan's firearm retailers have been located within miles of child-care facilities, hospitals and other learning institutions, including a store in Geneva, without incident. In a moment of frustration, Lain even roared that "nowhere in the country has this happened to us before." Lain promised Galyan's would "escort the customer from the store" after firearm sales.

Despite Lain's well-intentioned rhetoric, the distance limitation invocation to the ordinance was viewed as a "common sense" issue by Mayor McLaughlin. On the whole, the board was not moved. Other than the two objections to the ordinance from Trustees James W. Dodge and Edward G. Schussler, ordinance #3458 was approved by the board in a 5-2 vote.

Orland Park student named to All-State Team

[illegible] Shannon Ashley of Orland Park (right) receives congratulations from [illegible], secretary of the Moraine Valley Board of Trustees, for his selection to the Phi Theta Kappa Academic All-Illinois Team.

Oak Forest agrees to water transmission system analysis

by David Wagner

On Tuesday, May 27, 2003, Oak Forest held its City Council meeting at City Hall with an extensive agenda. Among the pressing concerns was the consideration of a water transmission system analysis agreement with neighboring Oak Lawn, as well as a request from a regional town planning commission for donations. Both issues required the contribution of appreciable sums of funds, and were thus thoroughly deliberated.

After much debate, the council agreed to donate 11.66% of an estimated $55,000 to the Village of Oak Lawn to help conduct a transmission system, or looping hydraulics system, analysis. The total contribution will come to $[illegible]. Such an analysis would develop a plan for the most effective way in which to run water lines between Oak Lawn and surrounding cities. The plan would also consider the prospect of running new lines or arranging current lines with the most efficiency possible. Oak Lawn, purchasing its water from the city of Chicago, is a large public water vendor, and it sells to cities such as Mokena, Orland Park and Oak Forest.

Despite the council's overall compliance with the request, most members were not enthusiastic about the short amount of notice Oak Lawn gave to Oak Forest concerning its expected donation — a proposal from Oak Lawn was dated May 7, 2003. City Treasurer [illegible] noted the sentiments of the council most aptly when he said, "Obviously we didn't consider this overnight. We would have liked to know." Nevertheless, the council approved Oak Lawn's analysis donation [illegible], with only one council member out.

In other proceedings, the city agreed to contribute a sum of $2,775.00 to the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission for regional planning resources for this year's budget. The commission traditionally helps to develop land use and transportation plans with cities and towns throughout the area. Public Works official Bob Walker reported that the commission's offering of [illegible] and donations to the commission often allow towns access to population data and projections, in addition to access to the commission's extensive library.

The council had opened the meeting by first hearing a presentation from Linda Pionczak, the cable commission chairperson for the city. Pionczak is the department head of Oak Forest Community Television (OFCTV), which can be seen on channel 17 in most households in the city and channel 43 in homes with Comcast cable. Pionczak is celebrating her seventh year at the helm of "Oak Forest News," an information specialty program. Pionczak praised the city's [illegible] television station's [illegible] which [illegible] televising programs such as "Behind Executive Doors" and "Oak Forest Alive." The [illegible] focus on the goals and operations of the local government representatives, with special attention to Oak Forest's own council members. The program concentrates on the growth of Oak Forest and its possibilities on the horizon.

Pionczak also informed the board to allow OFCTV to document certain council meetings and other cable events. She reasoned that citizens who could not make meetings would be afforded an opportunity to watch the "repeats" and catch up on important city news. Mrs. Pionczak concluded her speech by saying, "You just might be surprised by the quality of her station's programming."

Don't forget to congratulate your graduate with a personal greeting

Check out Ask Marian page 4 inside

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Student receives Award

Pictured: Adam Curtis (Bielawa)

St. Laurence senior Adam Curtis, from Bielawa, has been presented with the "Outstanding Student in Psychology Award" by the American Psychological Association Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools.

Students were selected for recognition based upon [illegible] and abilities in the study of psychology.

The American Psychological Association, in Washington DC is the largest scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the United States and is the world's largest association of psychologists.

Meeting Date changed

The Board of Trustees of the Green Hills Library located at 8611 W. 103rd Street, Palos Hills, has changed the date of the June meeting. The June regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17 at 7:30 p.m. Please note the change.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY FROM VILLAGE VIEW

Pictured from left: St. Rita President/Principal Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA; retiring Bishop John Gorman of Vicariate V; St. Rita Student Council Members [illegible] (Chgo-West Lawn) and [illegible] (Chgo-Beverly).

St. Rita wishes Bishop Happy Retirement

St. Rita High School Student Council Members presented retiring Bishop John Gorman, Honorary Alumnus, a card and gift thanking him for all his years of services to St. Rita and the entire Chicago Catholic community during an all school Mass on May 22, 2003.

Bishop Gorman presided over the Mass and Confirmed three St. Rita students and one staff member during the Mass. The retiring Bishop was also publicly thanked by representatives from all of the parishes in Vicariate V for all his work as vicar at a Mass and reception at the Rita High School Chapel on May 16th. He will be enjoying his retirement reading and helping out at Our Lady of the Woods Parish in Orland Park.

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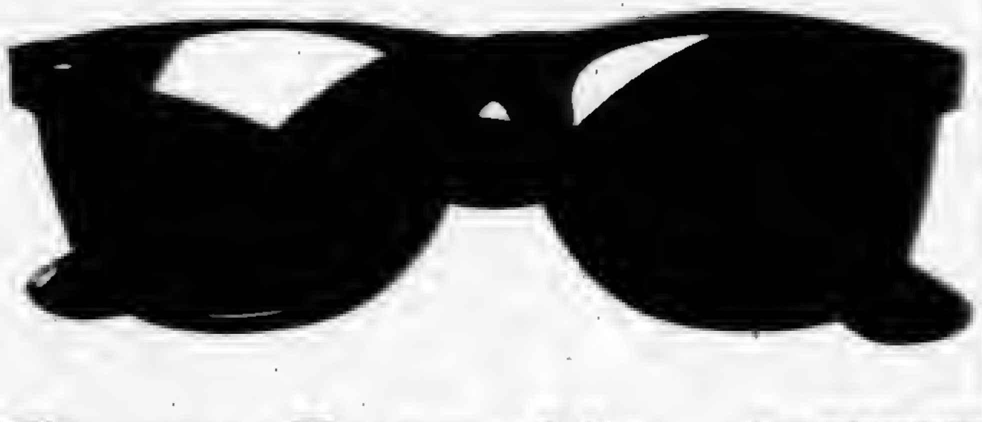

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Chicago Ridge takes action against West Nile Virus

By Matt Mayer

At the May 20th Chicago Ridge Village Board meeting, Public Works Superintendent Jack Lind gave a mosquito abatement update in regards to the West Nile virus. Lind said the village will be receiving 400 larvicide briquettes shortly and that the South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District has been out once, treating ponds, creeks, and other areas of standing water.

Lind said he has been working with them and that the district will be back sometime in June to treat the catch basins on the streets. Mayor Eugene Siegel said that that's too late - they need to be treated now - "I can't reach him" said Mayor Siegel in reference to Dr. Lien the Director of the South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District.

Siegel also made reference to a bill in the state legislature to abolish the Mosquito Abatement District. This is a bill introduced by State Rep. Kevin Joyce to abolish the Mosquito Abatement District and give the responsibility to the counties.

Siegel requested that Lind order additional larvicide briquettes. Lind said that the briquettes have a 30, 60, 90 and 120 day effectiveness and suggested ordering the 30 day briquettes, which are the least expensive, due to the cost. He said if the water lifts the briquettes high enough in the sewers - up into the outlet pipe, they will wash away. Lind also said the Public Works Department will be monitoring the effectiveness of the treatment process. The specific quantity of briquettes was not mentioned.

The board approved a request from the Mc Donald-Linn Chicago Ridge Post to hold their poppy drive from May 22nd to May 24th on Ridgeland Ave., at Southwest Highway, 95th St. and 111th St. Mayor Siegel purchased the first poppy at the meeting from Commander Pete [illegible].

The board approved a business license for Yankee Candle to be located in the mall. The board also approved a request from the Public Works Department to hire part-time summer help. A request to purchase safety lock boxes, at an estimated cost of $400, for the Public Works Building and the Pumping Station was also approved.

A request from the Fire Department to purchase a VHM vehicle [illegible] for communications - in the amount of $2,595 - was approved. The board approved a request from the Police Department to continue testing for one full time officer - two officers are leaving the force. The board also approved an education reimbursement request of $495 for Detective Tom Hermann per terms of the department contract. A proposal from Folgers for Christmas decorating, at the same cost as last year, was also approved.

Trustee [illegible] Quinn gave a reminder regarding the Special Olympics Torch Run ceremony which will begin on Wednesday, June 11th at 7 a.m. outside the police department. Quinn said this is an open event - and any one interested in running with the officers may call the him at the village hall. This is the first time Chicago Ridge has been given this honor.

Mayor Siegel announced that former Trustee Larry Grove had recently passed away. Siegel said along with Grove being a five term village trustee for 22 years, he also was chairman of the Public Works Department for 20 years.

Siegel hopes to have a Public Works truck named in his honor. Siegel said "He was a guy of principle and was responsible for starting many programs." The meeting concluded with everyone bowing their heads in a moment of silence in remembrance of Larry Grove.

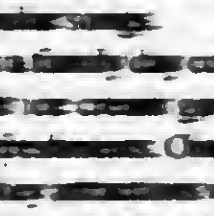
The Flag speaks on Flag Day

Celebrate the red, white and blue: Blake-Lamb Becker Funeral Home, located at [illegible] S. Harlem in Worth, is extending an invitation for all to join in our celebration of Flag Day on Saturday, June 14, 2003.

Nationally renowned Dick Anderson (known to many as Abe Lincoln) will be portraying The Flag and commemorating the pride of America.

Mr. Anderson will be leading us in such patriotic tunes as The Star Spangled Banner, God Bless America, You're a Grand Old Flag and other popular songs.

This is a family day complete with ice cream, games and refreshments. One of the other key attractions will be members of the canine unit from the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department who will be on hand to show some of the superb talents of their animals. Veterans of the Marine Corps League, Mars-Meyer American Legion Post 991 and VFW Post 2255 will be presenting colors.



The event will begin at 12:00 noon and it is free. Come out and enjoy the day.

For further information, please contact Pat [illegible] or Dave [illegible] at 708-361-[illegible].

Worth Township prepares for summer

By David Vogue

At its May 29, 2003, regular meeting, the Worth Township town Board of Trustees unveiled its new plans for the summer months. Residents of Worth Township-citizens of Alsip, Blue Island, Bridgeview, Chicago Ridge, Crestwood, Evergreen Park, Hometown, Merrionette Park, Oak Lawn, Palos Heights, Robbins and Worth—can expect new changes for the incipient weeks of summer as well as the continuation of time-tested area summer programs.

Registration for Worth Township's long-running summer camps will run through Friday, June 13, 2003. The camps, which range from $115 to $125 for residents, are open to children from 3 to 15 years of age. The camps are divided into three age groups, for children 3 to 5, 6 to 10, and 11 to 15 years old. The camp for 3 to 5 year olds and the teen camp begins June 23 and concludes July 31. The day camp for 6 to 10 year olds begins a day earlier and finishes on the first of August.

In other seasonal news, the board announced the extension of the township's clinic services to further provide medical care to residents of the township. The clinic specializes in preventative exams, podiatry care and senior health concerns. The clinic, located at 11601 South Pulaski Road, in Alsip, IL, will still operate from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, and from 9 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. On Wednesdays, the clinic will be open from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Home to 152,000, Worth Township also announced the hiring of a new clinic employee to help facilitate the hour changes. The ratification of the hiring of Carol Best, who had job-shadowed for a nursing position for more than two weeks, was passed by the board and was met with praise from board member Michael Mahoney.

The board also announced plans for this July concerning Independence Day celebrations in the area. Thursday, July 3, Evergreen Park will host its annual Fourth of July Parade at 6:30 p.m. Worth Township offices will be closed in recognition of our country's holiday.

Despite the auspicious summer announcements, the board was forced to contend with rather serious health issues among Worth Township residents. The board offered condolences to the family of township resident John Webber for the loss of Minnie Webber, a great friend of the township. The board also expressed words of encouragement to young resident Eric Wood, in the midst of a severe struggle with cancer. Wood's cancer has moved from his lymph nodes into his lungs, complicating his treatment. Wood, a senior of Richards High School, was scheduled for graduation May 29, 2003. With deep concern, the board solemnly hoped for Wood's recovery.

In other news, board member Roger A. Benson commended the functioning of the township's back-up energy systems during the recent inclement weather that swarmed through the area during the last week of May. "During the power outage, the generators worked perfectly with the sub-pumps," said Benson.

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SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Baseball - June 16-20
Football - June 23-27
Golf - June 16-20 and July 14-18
Basketball - June 30-July 3
Wrestling - July 7-11
Soccer - July 7 - 11
Volleyball - July 21-25

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Pictured from L. to R. OLFD Public Educator Gary Patrick; Matt Kochnan (First Place) form St. Gerald's school who won a $100.00 savings bond; Michael Annerino (Second Place) from St. Linus school who won a $ 50.00 savings bond and Taylor Adelman (Third Place) from Kolmar school who won a $50.00 savings bond.

Coloring Book Winners from the Oak Lawn Fire Department

On May 13, 2003 the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce held a luncheon to honor the top three entries in the coloring book contest. Savings bonds were presented by Great Lakes Bank of Blue Island. This is the 24th year the Oak Lawn Fire Department has been a cosponsor of this event. Congratulations to the winners as well as all the local students who submitted entries.

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Evergreen Park to designate honorary street sign

By Matt Mayer

At the June 2nd Evergreen Park Board meeting, Mayor James Sexton asked John, a boy scout from the Evergreen Park Troop 610, to help in leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Sexton reminded everyone that the annual Independence Parade down 95th St. will be held on Thursday, July 3rd, with fireworks following at Duffy Park. Sexton reported that the Day in the Park will be held on June 28th at Klein Park. The village blood drive will be held on June 26th. Anyone wishing to donate blood may call the Office of Citizens Services to schedule an appointment. The vehicle sticker deadline is June 30th.

Mayor Sexton also stated "he wanted to set the record straight" in regards to an article which appeared in a local newspaper, which he said "took the village to task" in regards to a recent gas main rupture at the Plaza. This is not the responsibility of the village, and according to the village attorney, the state has prohibited local municipalities from monitoring sites where any underground pipe, cables, etc. may be buried. The state has created a statewide "Dig Safely Illinois" education campaign. According to state law, anyone planning an outdoor project that requires any type of digging should call J.U.L.I.E. first at 1-800-892-0123 - J.U.L.I.E. was established in 1974.

The board approved a request to name Lawndale Ave. between 95th and 96th St., William M. Dempsey Lane in honor of Father Dempsey, the recently retired Pastor of Most Holy Redeemed Church. Along with Fr. Dempsey being Pastor of the Church for the past 12 years, he was also the Police Department Chaplain.

The board approved a business license application for Oasis of Peace, a cafe at 9500 S. Western Ave. in the plaza food court. A request from Dr. Thomas Powell Sr. to vacate the alleyway behind his business at 3860 W. 95th on Thursday July 3rd between 4:00 and 11:00 pm for the annual 4th of July Parade was also approved.

Public Works Director Bill Lorenz gave an update on the Kedzie Ave. project. He said the electrical work and the work by the railroad is near completion. The project is projected to be completed before the schools reopen after summer vacation.

Sexton asked the Water and Sewer Department Deputy Director Mike Knieps to give a West Nile update. Knieps had a sample of one stainless steel colander and one mesh colander . Knieps explained the premise of the colanders. He said they serve a dual purpose, one preventing debris from entering the catch basins. The other prevents the mosquitos from getting into the water to lay their eggs.

Knieps stated the colanders will be in place for approximately five months and will be monitored for their validity. Sexton stated that this is a pilot program - the village has received 10 colanders - at no cost - four are stainless steel and six are mesh.

Two women with successful goals

Left to right are Greta Wiley, narrator and Jan Haffner, priority club director, at a recent book review attended by over 500 women. Ms. Wiley not only narrates and reviews the books but dramatizes a novel. She has been doing this unique review for 20 plus years on the south side of Chicago and attracted hundreds of thousands of people. Congratulations to both women for the fine work they have accomplished. Ms. Haffner is a director of senior services and is undertaking a new position at an undisclosed bank. We will be hearing from her soon once again.

OAK LAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS

Matt Mayer

At the June 10th Oak Lawn Village Board meeting, the board moved swiftly through the agenda. Village Clerk Jane Powers performed the swearing in of Fire Engineer Brian Tiernan to the rank of Fire Lieutenant and Firefighter Frank Kovac to the rank of Fire Engineer. In attendance were relatives and friends of the firefighters.

An appeal of adverse decision by the board of appeals postponed from May 27th , requesting side and front yard variations, along with equal side yard variations at 9710 West Shore Drive, was denied.

Trustee William Keane reported that a telephone number, 499-7833, for the First Annual Rib contest on Sunday July 20th at 1:00 pm has been established. This contest is open to Oak Lawn residents/organizations only. Keane said the first 30 residents organizations will be able to participate. Trustee Steven Rosenbaum reported that a District (4) neighborhood meeting will held on Tuesday June 24th 7:30pm at Salem United Church.

Trustee Jerry Hurckes reported that the Trustee Is In Program for District (1) will take a summer break for June, July, and August. Trustee Jerry Hurckes congratulated the Children's Museum for the wonderful program they put together for the grand opening of the museum. Hurckes said it was elegant and professional. Trustee Marge Joy reported that she will be available on the 2nd and 4th Monday from 5:00 to 7:30 PM at the Village Hall throughout the summer.

Joy also echoed the comments of Hurkes in regards to the Children's Museum. The board approved a request for equal side yard variations at 9610 S. Menard Ave as well as a request for equal side yard variation at 9331 S. Nordica Ave. The board also approved an ordinance authorizing certain traffic regulations for a 4-way stop sign at 92nd and Meade Ave. as well as an ordinance amending the number of class C liquor licenses, which can be issued in the village for Grasssano's Pizza at 5051 W. 87th St.

The board approved a request postponed from the May 27th meeting for lot width and lot area variations at 5726 W. 88th Pl. Village Clerk Jane Powers announced that the Farmers Market will reopen at 7am on Wednesday June 25th. The Market will continue every Wednesday until October 15th on Yourell Drive between Cook and 52nd Ave. The next village board meeting will be July 8th.

Annual golf outing & dinner to be held

The Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce & Industry is hosting their 26th Annual Golf Outing & Dinner at Carriage Greens Country Club in Darien on Thursday, June 19th, 2003.

Reservations required for both golf and dinner. Call the office to book your Tee-times at (708) 598-1700. Don't miss this great networking opportunity!

Publisher's Pen

by Annette Dixon

As an Italian American woman, I have often thought about the difference in how I was raised versus my husband who was raised in an Irish family. Does ethnic culture really play a role in one's life? Well yes, I guess it does.

Within our immediate family we have a daughter-in-law of hispanic culture and two foster grandchildren children of hispanic culture. Have I noticed a difference in culture? Sure I would be a fool to say there isn't a difference in cultures. The problem people within our society have today is that it isn't politically correct to discuss this difference. Therefore, we consciously accept each other, thinking there isn't a difference when subconsciously we know there is a difference.

What we must differentiate is culture versus genetics and family sociological behaviors. Communication is so complicated and yet could be so simple. I once heard a priest state what he experienced as true love. His comment was he was giving communion to an elderly Italian woman when he was newly ordained. When he went to her home, she had prepared a nice spread of homemade bread, jam, and coffee. After communion she asked him to sit with her for a quick snack.

They spoke about trifle things and then she said, "father, how are you feeling, you look so tired." "It wasn't what she said, but how sincere she said it to me, as though the love flowed from her heart. I will never forget the love that women had in her heart for all people." He was an Irish priest. He spoke before a predominantly Irish group of women. His topic was on Love.

On Saturday, June 14, I went to Chicago's Italian Food and Wine Street Festival with a friend who is half Irish and half Italian. She had been to 24th and Oakley to the Italian Fest last year. I'm happy to say I thoroughly enjoyed this one.

All the big corporations, along with Mayor Daley's Chicago Neighborhood Festival Events committee put on a really big show.

It started on Thursday, June 12th and ended Sunday, June 15th. As I walked down Oakley avenue and 24th street, I noticed many large corporations were giving out free samples of food such as pizza, made from Sorrento Cheese. Pasta made with Red Gold Tomato Products, samples of Aidells Sausage and Patsy's Italian Restaurant of New York City," New York.

There were food vendors from the neighborhood of 24th and Oakley Avenue such as Bacchanalia Ristorante, Ignotz Ristorante, Il Vicinato, La Fontanella and Miceli's Deli selling food.

There was a carnival, arts and craft vendors, a huge inflated tiger, three stories high slide.

My interest was in The Fountain of Trevi, statues, and columns which lined the streets. They were from the Orlandi Statuary Company and Venetian Costumes of Carnivale from Venice were worn with people portraying themselves as 18th century Italian aristocrat, including porcelain masks. I shall not forget to mention the live cooking demonstrations by Top Master Chefs and also live entertainment including Nancy Sinatra, Tony Ocean, Pat Capuzzi, SanDiego's Roman Holiday, a dance group with a quartet and a two hour show. There was entertainment from John Caponera, Lucia, Joe Martino and Luigi Lenzi and a musical salute to those who went through Ellis Island and those who died there.

My friend and I promoted the Italian American Women of Chicagoland book and passed out over 50 flyers to vendors and corporations. We were grateful to Miceli's Deli on 24th & Oakley who allowed us to put our flyer on their windows.

Book Review

by Annette Dixon

Recipes are only as good as the cook or chef that wrote them. Fran Hall of Centerville, OH was not only one of the vendors at the Chicago Neighborhood Italian Festival, but also one of the demonstrating chefs.

It was quite interesting for me to acquaint myself with an Italian chef. I asked Fran why she was at the fest introducing her book. She said, "she loved her grandmother so much that she wanted to give everyone an opportunity to sample her wonderful recipes. Some of the recipes are over 50 years old.

No matter what culture we follow, for Fran's mother was Jewish, Latvian and Russian and her father was Sicilian; we still enjoy Italian food. When Francesca Giallombardo was only three years old, she would visit with her NONNA frequently. As she got older she would stay at her home for several weeks. Her house always gave her a warm feeling because NONNA was always cooking. She never followed a recipe, so as Fran grew older she would write down all the ingredients.

Francesca's book titled ***RECIPES MY NONNA TAUGHT ME***.

The book has pictures and recipes which are copyrighted and printed by Fran Hall. The illustrations are by Chuck Lawson.

To acquaint you with the book, there are appetizers such as Artichoke Pizza, Chick Pea Dip, Eggplant Dip, Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms and Onion Sandwiches. Pinot Grigio is served with the sandwiches.

What is thoroughly helpful is that the specific wine is also mentioned with the individual main dish or side dish or appetizer.

Did you know that Sangiovese tastes delicious with Lasagna. She does not promote the brand but I laughed when I saw the wines listed with the recipe. It is so difficult to serve a specific wine with special events if you are not a connoisseur of wine. This book will help [illegible] when selecting dinners and wine for their special occasions.

To purchase the ***Recipes My Nonna Taught Me***, contact Fran Francesca Hall, [illegible] Boyce Rd., Centerville, OH 45458 or email her at [illegible].com or call 937-433-[illegible].

Oak Lawn church holds ice cream social

On Friday, June 20, 2003, the Oak Lawn Community Church will have an Ice Cream Social from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at 9000 S. Ridgeland in Oak Lawn, IL.

Music from the 50's and 60's will be played. Come dressed in the clothing of the era.

Tickets will be $2.00 per person at the door.

For more information please call Harold or Andrea at (708) 423-[illegible].

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Sheriff launches Summer Sweep Up

As school comes to a close and families begin to head outdoors, Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan is launching a "Summer Sweep Up" campaign to help spruce up communities across the county.

Labor crews from the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) will be working in communities across the county to clean vacant lots, tidy up playgrounds and pick up trash in the forest preserves and other public areas as part of the Summer Sweep Up effort. In addition, the Sheriff's Graffiti Posse will be traveling around suburban Cook County to remove graffiti on public buildings and viaducts.

The Sheriff's SWAP program utilizes non-violent offenders charged with mostly misdemeanor crimes who "swap" jail time for a community service sentence. The crews are transported to locations around the county and essentially serve as a free labor source for hundreds of public agencies.

In addition to providing meaningful community service for offenders, Sheahan noted that the SWAP program actually generates revenue for the county because offenders must pay a registration and daily fee to participate. In 2002, for example, more than $830,000 in fees were collected from SWAP participants to help offset the program's operating expenses.

The Sheriff's Graffiti Posse is also available to property owners, free of charge, in suburban and unincorporated Cook County. Property owners must sign a permission waiver before the specially trained Graffiti Posse crews use an environmentally safe, high powered baking soda blasting machine to remove graffiti from buildings. Since 2000, the Graffiti Posse has erased the work of vandals from more than [illegible] buildings in Cook County.

For further information about SWAP call (773) [illegible] or for information on the Sheriff's Graffiti Posse, call (708) [illegible].

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Village of Orland Park announces the following events

Please note, for all Outdoor entertaining, in the event of inclement weather, call the village's recorded weather hotline at 708-403-6290. For further information on all programs call the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708-403-7275.

Pictured: Brett Robertson and Courtney Petro of Orland Park.

Sleeping Beauty and the Z's

The award winning Orland Park Theatre Troupe continues its tenth anniversary season with the presentation of "Sleeping Beauty and the Z's" on June 20, 21 and 22. Orland Park Recreation supervisor Irene Buikema serves as the show's executive producer. Orland Park Theatre Troupe Resident director Frank Carnivele-Sidlow serves as producer/director for the show with Bob Szczesniak serving as assistant director and Katie Monroy, of Orland Park, as stage manager.

Orland Park's "Sleeping Beauty and the Z's" cast includes Courtney Petro of Orland Park appearing as Princess Tara, with Kristin Deacon of Orland Park portraying the wicked fairy Xema. Other Orland Park residents involved with the show include Erika Atherson, Gina Burnett, Vince Burnett, Meg Conway, Patrick DeMatteo, Monica Donahue, Alex Eamart, Phil Eamart, Shea Finley, Renee Florez, Alyssa Fralich, Jeremy Fralich, Carolyn Gavin, Gina Johnson, Mandy Johnson, Sabrina Margan, Katie Monroy, Stephanie Owens, Christina Pacini, Tom Pissarelli, Veronica Pissarelli, Ali Petro, Nicole Pomorilo, Chris Pratt, Wally Rafacz, Brett Robertson, Sam Sobolewski, Catherine Stackman, Matt Walsh, Olivia Wilmsen and Katelyn Zawadzki.

Cast members from Mokena include Jackie Brezal and Mitch Brezal. The cast also includes Rachel Jones (Frankfort), Lindsey Kammer (Palos Park), Elle Liberty (New Lenox) and Sarah Quinnus (Chicago Ridge).

Performances will be at the Orland Park Civic Center, located at 14750 South Ravinia Ave. on Friday, June 20 at 8:00 pm; Saturday, June 21 at 8:00 pm and Sunday, June 22 at 2:00 pm.

Advance tickets are available at the village's Loebe Recreation Center, located at 14650 South Ravinia Ave. and at the village's Sportsplex, located at 11351 West 159th Street. Only general seating is available. Adult tickets are $12. Seniors are $10 and children, ages three to eleven are $8. Group rates are available for groups of fifteen or more. Prior arrangements are required for group rates. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door.

Hits of the 50s featured on Orland Park stage

Dig out your white t-shirts, leather jackets and PF Flyers and get ready for the top hits of the 50's. The village of Orland Park presents "Fast Eddie & the Corvettes" on Sunday, June 22, 2003 from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Outdoor Amphitheater, located at 14700 Ravinia Ave. Admission is free.

Concessions at each of the village's five concerts will be available.

Picnics in the park

The warm afternoons of summer are perfect for a picnic and what better place to have one than in the beautiful parks of Orland Park. The Village of Orland Park invites families to attend its annual Picnics in the Park. This summer, the department will host picnics at four village parks from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Attendees will be treated to free hot dogs, chips, drinks and entertainment.

The first picnic will be held on Tuesday, June 24, at Eagle Ridge II, Louetta & Ryan Lane.

A special July 4th Dinner in the Park will be held on Thursday, July 3, at Centennial Park, 15600 West Avenue from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

Orland Park's third picnic will be held on Thursday, July 17, at Helen Park, Helen Lane & Merion Drive and the final picnic will be on Tuesday, August 5, 2003 at Crystal Woods Park, Trinity Drive & Laurel Drive.

Animal discovery

Macaws, a red tail boa, American alligators and pot bellied pigs are on the schedule for Wednesday, June 25 when the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department hosts "Animal Discovery," as one of its free Wednesday Happenings.

Part of the village of Orland Park's free Summer Entertainment Series, Wednesday Happenings are held at 11:00 am on designed days in the village of Orland Park Outdoor Amphitheater, located at 14700 South Ravinia Ave. Audience members will learn about a number of animals and the regions from where they came. Admission is free.

Sprints into summer with Liberty Run 5K Run

Orland Park will officially kick off its July 4th festivities on Sunday, June 29 with its annual 5K Liberty Run. The run will be held in Orland Park's scenic Centennial Park and the surrounding neighborhood. The run begins at 8:00 am with check in at 7:00 am. Centennial Park is located at 15600 West Avenue, four block west of LaGrange Road/U.S. Route 45.

Awards will be presented to the top three runners in each age division. Each participant will receive a t-shirt and a one day pass to Orland's Centennial Park Aquatic Center. Participants are also invited to a post race open swim at the aquatic center until 11:30 am.

New to the race this year is the addition of three new age divisions for participants age 50 to 55, 56 to 60 and 60 and older. Advance registration is available at the Loebe Recreation Center, located at 14650 South Ravinia and at the village's Sportsplex, located at 11351 West 159th Street. The cost for residents is $13.00 and $18.00 for non residents. Registration on the day of the race will cost $2.00 more.

Banjo Buddies

A balmy summer night calls for a concert straight off the bayou. Orland Park presents the Dixieland show band "Banjo Buddies" on Sunday, June 29 at 7:00 pm at the Outdoor Amphitheater, located at 14700 Ravinia Avenue.

Admission is free.

Celebrating 4th of July spectacular

Celebrate the birthday of America with friends and family Orland Park style. Orland Park is hosting a two day 4th of July Spectacular Thursday, July 3 and Friday, July 4th at Centennial Park, located at 15600 West Avenue.

The festivities begin Thursday afternoon with the Kids' Afternoon from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This includes a bike parade, face painting, fishing derby, scratch art, Touch a Truck and entertainment.

Dinner in the Park will be held from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Free hot dogs, chips and lemonade will be provided.

There will be a Teen Stage from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm at the Lake Sedgwick Amphitheater. Five bands will play continuously on two stages.

The day concludes with a drive in movie at 8:30 pm. Disney's A Bug's Life will be shown in the west parking lot of Centennial Park.

On Friday, the 4th of July the day begins with a Classic Car Show. Check in begins at 2:00 pm and judging will be held from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm next to the ball fields at Centennial Park.

Senior fun begins at 2:30 opm with bingo and raffles along with a free dinner from 3:00 pm to 4:00 opm. Seniors are invited to enjoy bocce ball, Bunco, a free dinner and entertainment provided by the Moonlighters, a 16 piece orchestra that will be performing on the main stage.

The July 4th Spectacular begins at 5:00 pm with activities for kids, a performance by Nova Soul on the main stage, presentation of colors and choreographed fireworks beginning at dusk.

Barry North Yo-Yo

Bring the kids to a demonstration of an expert yo-yo artist, learn the history of this classic toy and see Barry North perform more than 40 different yo-yo tricks.

The Village of Orland Park presents Barry North Yo-Yo on Wednesday July 9, 2003 at 11:00 am at the Outdoor Amphitheater, located at 14700 Ravinia Avenue.

Welcome the Dooley Brothers

See why Irish eyes smile at a performance of the highly polished Irish harmonies and instruments. "The Dooley Brothers" are playing on Sunday July 13 from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm at the Village of Orland Park Outdoor Amphitheater, located at 14700 Ravinia Avenue.

Admission to all concerts is free.

Puppet show

Imagination and whimsy are all that are needed for this Wednesday Happening. Learn how puppets are made and used and enjoy a puppet show. Orland Park will host Jan's Clan on Wednesday July 16 at 11:00 am at the Orland Park Outdoor Amphitheater, located at 14700 Ravinia Avenue.

Brothers in Arms

Enjoy an evening of energetic, power packed rock and roll. Orland Park presents "Brothers in Arms" on Sunday July 20 from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm at the Outdoor Amphitheater, located at 14700 Ravinia Avenue.

Admission is free.

One man band

The entire family will enjoy a morning full of fun and singing with Orland Park's featured "one man band".

On Wednesday, July 23, Orland Park is presenting "Sing along with Scott" at 11:00 am at the Outdoor Amphitheater, located 14700 Ravinia Avenue.

Admission is free.

Country music

Bring the family for an evening of energy packed country music. Orland Park presents "Crossfyre" on Sunday, July 27 from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm at the Outdoor Amphitheater, located at 14700 Ravinia Avenue.

Admission is free.

An eclectic mix of tricks

Mike Mauthe is a truly talented entertainer, being a juggler, magician, comedian, unicyclist, balloon artist, fire eater and stilt walker. Mauthe is the featured performer on Wednesday, July 30 at 11:00 am at the Orland Park Outdoor Amphitheater, located at 14700 Ravinia Avenue.

Admission is free.

Presenting 70s rock and roll

Forget the disco ball and platform shoes, this is an ode to great 70s rock and roll. Orland Park presents "Fonograf" on Sunday, August 3 from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm at the Outdoor Amphitheater, located at 14700 Ravinia Avenue.

Admission is free.

Library announces following programs

Evergreen Park Library is seeking book donations

It's never too late for spring cleaning! The Evergreen Park Public Library, located 9400 S. Troy Ave., is seeking donations of used books, paperbacks, CD's and videos in good condition for its annual book sale in July.

The library is not accepting magazines, encyclopedia sets, or textbooks. Call 422-8522 for delivery instructions.

Antique Appraisal Fair

Find gold in your attic! The Village of Evergreen Park is sponsoring an Antique Appraisal Fair on Saturday, June 28 from 11:30 am until 3:00 pm, in Foley Auditorium at the Evergreen Park Community Center, located at 3450 W. 97th Street.

Two reputable antique dealers offer verbal appraisals on furniture, lamps, watches, costume jewelry, toys, children's collectibles, glassware and general antiques of all types.

A $5.00 donation per item will be collected at the door. The second annual Antique Appraisal Fair is part of the Day in the Park festivities at Klein Park.

For more information, call (708) 4220-8522 or (708) 422-8776.

Library welcomes newborns

The Oak Lawn Public Library, located at 5300 W. 95th St., is now offering Oak Lawn residents who are new parents a free packet of information and gifts to share with their baby. To qualify, parents must bring in proof of residency and sign up their child for his or her first library card at six months or younger. Then, parents can pick up a newborn packet in the Youth Services Department.

This project is funded by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

For more information, call the library's Youth Services Department, at 708-422-4990.

"Lights, Camera, Read!" at the Oak Lawn Public Library

The curtain is rising on a fun filled summer of reading and activities at the Oak Lawn Public Library, located at 5300 W. 95th St., as registration continues for their "Lights, Camera, Read!" summer reading program.

Membership is open to patrons of all ages, including children preschool age and up, teens and adults. Prizes will be awarded to those who reach the reading goal for their age group. The program ends Friday, August 8.

For additional information, call 708-422-4990, or visit the library's web site at www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us.

Meet the firefighters of Evergreen Park

You are invited to visit the Evergreen Park Library, located at 9400 S. Troy Ave., on Tuesday, June 24th at 3:00 pm to meet and do an activity with one of your local fire fighters and Sparky the firedaog.

This program is for children of all ages and we encourage you to bring a camera!

Scrap booking 101

The Evergreen Park Library, located at 9400 S. Troy Ave., invites children in grades 5-10 to register for a special scrap booking program at the library on Wednesday, June 25th at 3:00 pm.

Learn some scrap booking basics. You will need to bring 7-10 pictures that have a theme (such as vacations or birthdays). You'll be able to take your finished project home.

Registration is required.

Mystery morning

The Evergreen Park Library, located at 9400 S. Troy Ave., invites children in grades 3-5 to register for a special Mystery program at the library on Thursday, June 26th at 10:30 am.

Something mysterious has happened at the library and we will need junior detectives to help us solve the **mystery. Test your detective skills and see if you will be the next Sherlock Holmes when we attempt to solve the Mystery at the EP Library!**

Registration is required.

Animals for awareness

The Evergreen Park Library invites children of all ages to a special program for animal lovers! On Saturday, June 28th at 10:30 am come to the library and you may meet some rabbits, ferrets, skunks, hedgehogs and even a lynx!

You will learn about responsible pet ownership and you will have the opportunity to ask questions about various pets.

Jammy Jamboree

The Evergreen Park Library invites children in grades land under to put on their jammies and come to the library at 7:00 pm on Monday, June 30th.

This is a special nighttime story time that you're encouraged to wear your pajamas so you'll be ready for our nighttime stories and fun!

Laser Arts Assembly

The Evergreen Park Library invites children in grades K and up to come to the library on Tuesday, July 1st at 7:00 pm for an exciting program about lasers.

You will be able to see a laser light show and learn all about lasers.

Hickory Hills Park District offers following programs

Outdoor youth soccer

Teams will be formed and six games will be played each Monday evening, beginning June 23 through July 28. Games will be at 6:00 pm or 7:00 pm for 5-7 year old.

Registration fee for residents is $20 and $25 for non residents. Fee includes a T-shirt and a medal.

For more information call the Park District at 598-1233.

Let's make pizza

Have your 7-12 year old create a personalized pizza for the family to enjoy at this class offered this summer. "" The date for this Friday class will be August 22nd. Class will begin at 4:00 pm and last for an hour and 15 minutes. Toppings available for pizzas include sausage, pepperoni, cheese, black olives and tomatoes. Each pizza will feed 3-4 people.

Registration fee is $10 for a resident and $13 for a non resident.

For more information call the Park District at 598-1233.

Special events for youth and teens

300 minutes of madness will offer five hours of fun to 7-11 year old on Friday, June 20.

Krueger Park will be open from 4:30 pm to 9:30 pm for games like foosball, basketball and volleyball, refreshments of pizza and pop, movies and contests.

Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult, however we invite all parents to attend. Resident registration is $12 per child, non residents fee is $17 per child. Adults accompanying children are free.

For more information call the Park District at 598-1233.

Dribble, pass and score competition

Hickory Hills Park District will be hosting a Dribble, Pass and Score Competition on Friday, August 8. Rain date August 15, from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm at Marrin Park.

This official youth skills competition of Major League Soccer will divide children ages 6-14 years into four competing categories. Age is determined as of December 31, 2003.

Registration must be made in advance, however there is no fee required for this event.

For more information call the Park District at 598-1233.

Tai Chi Chuan for adults

The Hickory Hills Park District will be offering a class in Tai Chi Chuan. The class will be held at Krueger Park Recreation Center, located at 9100 S. 88th Avenue from June 19 - August 14 on Thursdays from 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

Participants must be 21 years and up. The fee is $60 for residents and $65 for non residents for 8 classes.

For more information call the Park District at 598-1233.

Pilates Ball Mat for adults

The Hickory Hills Park District is offering Pilates Ball Mat. This is a new non impact, mind/body exercise program that increases the body's range of motion and flexibility, develops core muscular stability in the trunk and joints, utilizes breathing techniques to increase oxygen capacity and challenges the body's neuromuscular system for better coordination.

This program will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:45 am - 10:45 am, beginning June 17 through July 17. The registration fee is $50 for residents and $55 for non residents.

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Evergreen Park announces programs

Emergency heat plan

Evergreen Park residents who experience problems coping with excessive heat are welcome to come to the air conditioned Community Center, located at 3450 W. 97th St., for relief. The Center is open from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm, Monday through Friday and 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturdays. We urge residents of the Village who observe any neighbors or friends needing assistance, to notify Jolene Churas at the Office of **Citizen's Services at 422-8776.**

Free choral concert

A free concert will be given by the Double Nickel Plus Chorus in the air conditioned auditorium of the Hamilton B. Maher Community Center, located at 3450 W. 97th Street, on Saturday, June 28 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, the morning of "Day In the Park". Following this enjoyable concert will be the Annual Antique Appraisal Fair. Bring your treasures to receive verbal appraisals by reputable antique dealers. Donation $5 per item.

Tree ID guide will be available

A pocket guide for identifying trees is available from The National Arbor Day Foundation. The 72 page guide will help you identify 135 different trees found in the eastern and central U.S. Well known trees are included. Drawings illustrate the trees' leaves or needles and their identifying features.

To obtain your tree ID guide, send your name and address and $3 to "What tree is that?", National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410, or go online to arborday.org.

Oak Lawn Garden club holds picnic

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold it's annual Potluck Picnic at Wolfe Wildlife Center on Thursday, June 26 at 12:00 noon. There will also be an auction after lunch. Members are asked to bring their favorite white elephants.

For further information call 708-424-4846.

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Chicago Ridge's Frances Messerman, senior seated in second row center who began as a spectator in the Spring Fashion Show at Lexington Health Care Center, was so very enthusiastic she couldn't resist diving right into the crowd of staff and other residents who participated.

Lexington Health Care Center holds fashion show

This Spring and Summer, any individual, group or organization who would like to volunteer their time to entertain Chicago Ridge seniors is invited to call 425-[illegible] or stop by at [illegible] Southwest Highway and speak with Renata [illegible].

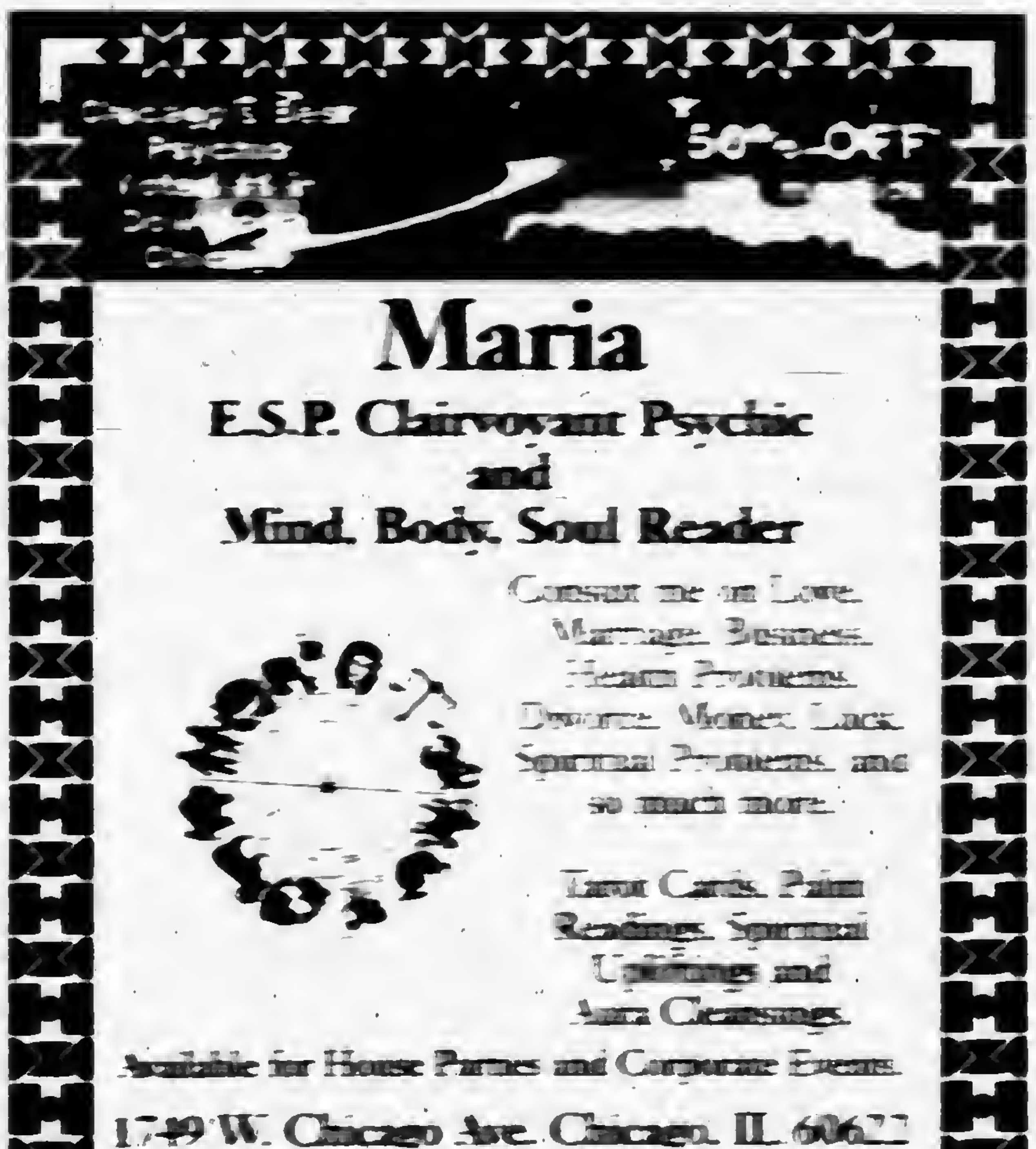
Oak Lawn High Senior to Speak at Rotary

Grant Sims, recent graduate and valedictorian from Oak Lawn High School, will be the guest speaker at Oak Lawn Rotary on Monday, June 30th. Grant is also a member of the National Honor Society, was co-president of the speech team and a member of the theatre program at Oak Lawn.

Adding to this list of achievements, Grant is also listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and became an Eagle Scout in 2002. He has been the champion of the IHSA State Tournament for impromptu speaking for the past [illegible] years. Talented in both extemporaneous speaking and impromptu speaking, Grant will be performing the latter for Rotary. He will be given a topic and will have five minutes to prepare. Please plan to attend this very enlightening rendition of what one of our young people has already accomplished in his young life.

Rotary will meet at the [illegible] Oak Lawn [illegible] [illegible] beginning at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] non-members [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] reservations, please call [illegible] at 708-[illegible] or [illegible] at 708-[illegible].

Advertise your summer activities in our upcoming issues



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Pictured: Mayor Carolyn Blaze and Veterans

Veterans honored

Mayor Carolyn Blaze of [illegible] honors Veterans on Memorial Day at a ceremony held at the Village Green.

Several people were in attendance, including Historian John Rogers, who gave a speech later and past Mayor Jean [illegible].

V.F.W. Post 177 hosts the following dinners

Spaghetti dinner

The Women's Aux. of Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 177 located at 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL will be hosting the next "Spaghetti Dinner" on July [illegible], 2003, from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm at a cost of $5.00 for adults, $3.00 for children 6 years to 12 years and children under 6 years are free.

A complete dinner of spaghetti in meat sauce with Italian sausage, meatballs, bread and butter, salad, dessert, coffee, tea and more will be served. We have a free raffle every month.

All proceeds for these dinners will go to buy phone cards for military personnel.

Please call the Post for any additional information you may need at 708-636-2200. As always all our community friends are invited to attend all our events.

Steak fry

Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 177, located at 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge IL, will be hosting the "Steak Fry" on Sunday, July 13, 2003 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

The dinner will include an 8oz. steak (cooked to your taste), baked potato, salad, bread and butter, vegetable, coffee, tea and dessert, also a beverage of your choice.

The cost of your dinner will be $7.00 per person. Presale tickets are available at the Canteen Bar or call 708-636-2200 or you may pay at the door.

Please call for any information needed at the above number. We welcome all our community people to attend our events.

Military announces

Air Force Airman 1st Class Manuel L. Gutierrez, son of Silvia L. Gutierrez of [illegible] Ave., Burbank IL, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies, performed drill and ceremony marches and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

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Pictured: Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan. From L to R: Deputy Chief Terrence [illegible], Chief Marjorie O'Dea and First Deputy Chief William McHenry.

Sheriff offers SWAT team services to suburbs

The Cook County Sheriff's Police are hitting the streets with a new state of the art weapon designed to take violent or unruly offenders into custody without the use of deadly force, Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan announced Sunday.

The Sheriff's Police have purchased six Sage SL-6 Launcher revolvers that fire a "less lethal" round of ammunition designed to temporarily disable an offender and allow him to be taken into custody without endangering his life or the safety of the officers.

Officers are trained to fire the baton round, the most commonly used ammunition, at the offender's lower arms or below the waist. The force from the baton round has been likened to the impact of a Major League fastball. The less lethal weapon is used by Sheriff's Police in two areas. In the Patrol Division, four weapons are on the streets around the clock. The weapons are assigned to one patrol officer each shift in each of the Department's four districts: Bridgeview, Markham, Rolling Meadows and Skokie. As first responders to a scene, patrol officers would most often use the "baton round" to disarm an offender threatening harm or refusing to cooperate.

Additionally, Sheriff Sheahan announced Sunday that he will be offering the services of the specially trained HBT Team to all suburban police departments in Cook County.

The 25 member unit offers around the clock availability in hostage negotiations, extraction of barricaded subjects, high risk entries and search warrant services and field force teams for riot suppression.

The HBT Team participated in the invitation only National Swat Challenge in South Carolina two weeks ago for the first time and placed among the top ten in several individual events.

Illinois motorcycle Freedom Run

In gratitude to the many men and women of our Armed Forces who interrupted their lives to fight in Iraq, we are holding a Freedom Run on June 22, 2003.

This 100 mile run will begin at the Oasis One-Sixty in Chicago Heights and travel to the home of the first fallen Illinois soldier in St. Anne, IL, where we will have a brief presentation and memorial dedication.

We will return to the Oasis One-Sixty for a fund-raiser party. The proceeds of this benefit will help us acquire a permanent memorial monument in support of "Operation Iraqi Freedom." Any remaining monies will possibly be used to assist Iraqi Veterans or their families or other Veterans that may need help.

It seems so little. It's just a gesture. It will be a place to express our pride. A place to remember that Freedom is not free, but it is paid for with the blood and spirit of our American Soldiers.

Star spangled Fourth of July

Fun, freedom and culture are on the agenda at this year's Oak Lawn Park District "Star Spangled Fourth of July" celebration to be held Friday, July 4, in Memorial Park, located at 102nd Street and Major Avenue.

This annual free event will feature basic family activities including the [illegible], the Eagle Children's Bike Parade, the Kid's Fishing Derby, petting zoo and pony rides.

The event will also be the showcase for the 2nd annual children's Clothesline Art Festival. The art festival is a display of patriotic posters made by kids with crayons, markers, paints or other mediums ages six through 12. Contest deadline is Tuesday, July 1. First, second and third place winners will be selected prior to the Star Spangled celebration in the following age groups: ages 6 and 7, ages 8 to 10 and ages 11 and 12.

New this year at the event is Elvis impersonator Bob West and Bugsy the Caterpillar, an enclosed obstacle course for children.

Once the daytime festivities end at Memorial Park, free evening entertainment will be offered at the football field at Richards High School, located at 106th Street and Central Avenue. Gates will open at 6:30 pm.

The Oak Lawn Park District's gymnastics group the Pirouettes will put on a demonstration at 7:30 pm followed by great American music from the band City Lights Orchestra.

Following the concert, there will be a spectacular freedom fireworks show set to patriotic music. The fireworks, designed by Melrose Pyrotechnics, are cosponsored by the Village of Oak Lawn. Corporate sponsors of the Star Spangled Fourth of July are: American Cruises and Tours, Bussen-[illegible] Insurance, Chicago Office Products, D&D Printing and Yellow Book USA.

For more information on the Fourth of July festivities, or to receive an entry form for the children's Clothesline Art Festival, or to reserve exhibitor's space for the arts and crafts fair, call the Oak Lawn Park District at 708 857-2200 or e-mail info@olparks.com.

Admission is free to both Memorial Park and Richards High School.

All activities will start at 9am and end at Dusk with the Fireworks.

Advertise for your fests and fairs in the upcoming issues

Top 10 from Richards High School set their sights high

Richards High School in Oak Lawn proudly announces that the students listed below graduated with the 10 highest grade point averages for the class of 2003. Each has been an honor roll student all four years at Richards. Their college choices include Johns Hopkins University, Northwestern University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, St. Xavier University and Illinois Wesleyan University.

Rubina Abu-Ajamieh (Chicago Ridge), who was an Illinois State Scholar this year.

Jennifer Clancy (Oak Lawn) was an Illinois State Scholar.

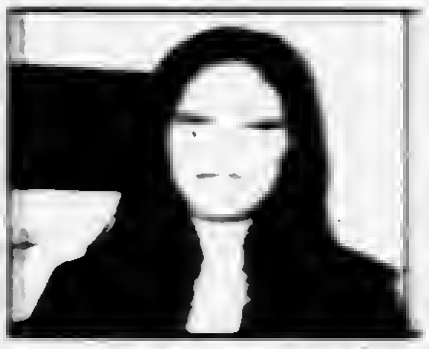
Bogdan Dudek (Oak Lawn) was an Illinois State Scholar.

Terrance Erickson (Oak Lawn) named to Who's Who among American High School students this year and a member of the team that advanced to the finals of the 2003 Daimler-Chrysler competition.

Kimberly Ann Magdangal (Oak Lawn) was an Illinois State Scholar.

Jason Sobus (Oak Lawn) was an Illinois State Scholar.

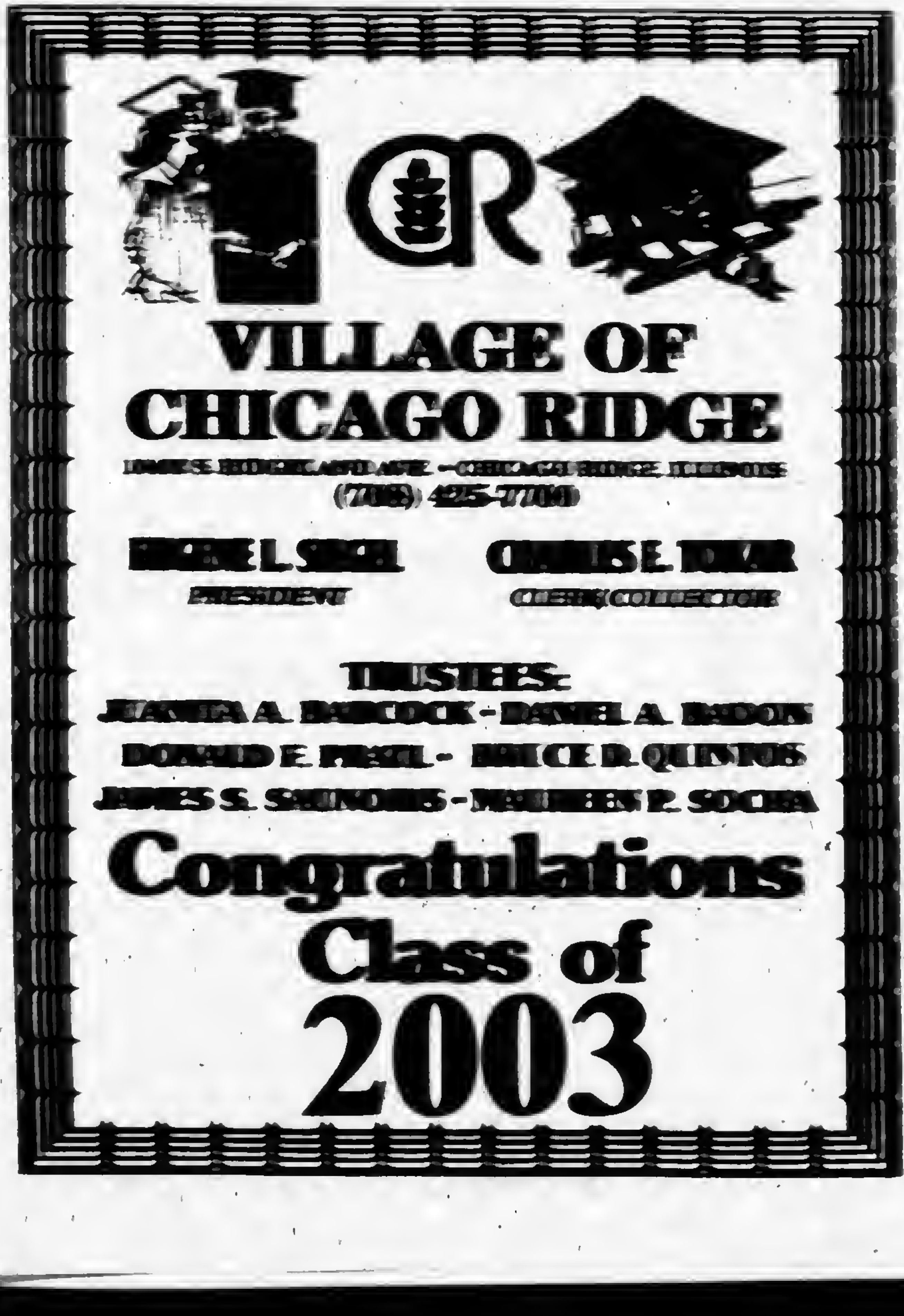
Peter Spadale (Oak Lawn) was named an Illinois State Scholar.



Sandra Suksomboon (Oak Lawn) was an Illinois State Scholar.

Christina Warner (Calumet Park) was an Illinois State Scholar.

Candace Winter (Oak Lawn) is an Illinois State Scholar.



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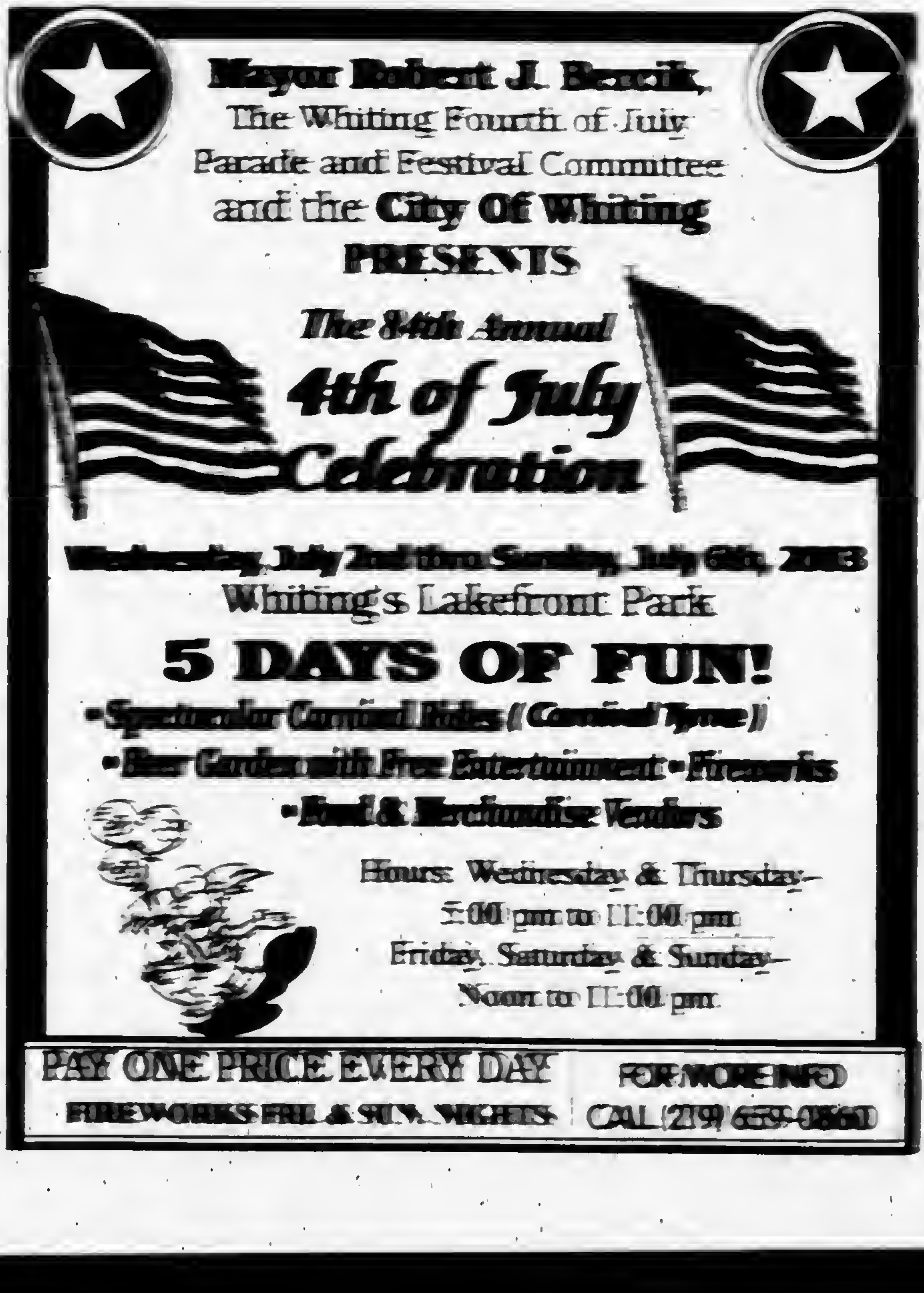

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity
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The House That Eddie Built

The old frame house, it ain't what it use to be, it's old gray-sided walls are now but a memory.

It had been the place we called home for the past twenty-three years, our safe haven through good times, bad times, laughter and tears.

Years ago we picked cherries from the tree in the yard, and prayed for guidance when life got too hard.

We splashed away summers in a grand four foot pool, and savored the quiet when the kids returned to school.

A lush green lawn and a flowering wonderland of blossoming love, is what the man of the house, was most proud of.

We learned to fix and decorate with wall paper, paint and plaster, and survived the repairs that equaled disaster.

Then came a dilemma to choose an outcome for our housing fate, should we sell the old homestead or dare to renovate?

And, just when we needed it, a dream come true— Eddie listened and suggested the right thing to do. He said, "I'll build a home here for you."

So... a new house went up where the old one had been, and we knew going home would never be quite the same again.

We loved the old home even with its features gently distressed, but had no way of knowing how much we'd be blessed.

There are some who've asked why, at middle age, take on such a lot, and with our "you only live once" philosophy we've answered—"Why Not?!"

Soon we'll be going home to where our hearts will forever be, a new view to look out on familiar surroundings is an awesome sight to me.

And as dauntless as an Irishman wearing a kilt, we'll live happily ever after in the house that Eddie built.

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This poem is dedicated to Eddie McBrearty, a young man who lives life ever mindful of dreams and blessings come true. A million thanks. The End

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Child care business expo to be held

How to start and expand a successful child care business is the focus of the Fifth Annual Child Care Business Expo, to be held at the Chicago Hilton & Towers, located at 720 S. Michigan Avenue, in Chicago, on Saturday, June 21, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Presented by the Women's Business Development Center (WBDC), the Expo will feature numerous panel discussions with local experts.

The event, which is presented in both English and Spanish using state of the art infrared technology, will include the Applause Awards Luncheon featuring a keynote by Tom Copeland, director of the Redleaf National Institute, one of the major champions nationally on behalf of family child care providers. A dessert buffet and networking reception with door prizes will bring the event to a close.

Individual workshops will focus on starting a home based child care business, a center based business and moving from a home based business to a child care center. A new seminar this year, designed for child care providers who have been in business at least five years, will feature best business practices for advanced practitioners.

A panel of experts in each session will discuss topics such as industry regulations, securing payment for subsidized care, taxes and insurance, financing options and using technology in the business. The advanced session will include marketing your business and the basics of web site design.

The Exhibition Hall, open from 9:00 am to 12:45 pm will feature booths with information on taxes, payroll, insurance, higher education programs for early childhood education, food programs, financial planning, financing options, licensing information, joining a child care association, legal issues and buying toys and materials.

The cost, which includes all sessions, a continental breakfast and lunch, is $45.

There are a limited number of scholarships available.

For more information, contact the WBDC at 312-853-3477, ext. 29.

Free Ravinia passes available

The Oak Lawn Public Library, located at 5300 W. 95th St., is now offering a limited number of free lawn passes to 49 select Ravinia Festival "Words & Music" summer concerts.

Patrons may stop by the library's ravinia display for a complete listing of the program guidelines and a schedule of available dates.

All "Words & Music" performances are either jazz of classical music programs. No popular artists.

Pairs of free lawn passes (2) will be distributed to Oak Lawn residents on a first come, first served basis and cannot be reserved by telephone. Patrons must present their library card to claim a set of tickets. One pair of lawn passes per patron, not per household.

If an Oak Lawn resident has not claimed a set of tickets seven days prior to the performance date, they will be offered to the public at large. The program will end when the library's supply is depleted.

Students complete D.A.R.E. program

Students from Central Park School and St. Christopher School (both in Midlothian) and students from Kolmar School (Crestwood) were recently awarded certificates of graduation for completing the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program, according to the office of Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan.

The students participated in a 17 week anti drug curriculum designed to equip them with the skills to resist peer pressure and the use of drugs. The program provides students with information on the dangers of drugs and alcohol and teaches them decision making skills by providing positive alternatives to drug or gang involvement.

D.A.R.E. is a successful national program that is conducted locally by the Cook County Sheriff's Office. The program puts specially trained Sheriff's officers in the classroom to teach grade school children about the perils of drug use.

The Sheriff's Office also offers D.A.R.E. sessions for parents. This five session program covers topics such as parenting skills, warning signs of drug use and factors that can lead to gang membership.

For more information about the Cook County Sheriff's D.A.R.E. program or for information on parent D.A.R.E. sessions, contact

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Flag Day was Remembered

American Legion Post Palos Township #1993 honor Flag Day in Palos Hills on June 14.

Holding Seminar for college students and their parents

The Village of Orland Park Office of Special Services will host an important informational seminar that college bound students and their parents won't want to miss.

The seminar will be held at 6:30 pm on July 29, 2003 at the Orland Park Civic Center, located at 14750 South Ravinia Avenue.

A university resident assistant will discuss the ins and outs of college life, what to expect when students first go away to school, first-hand experience and other important information for college freshman. The R.A. will be available to answer questions after the presentation.

A representative from Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan's Youth Services Department will give a presentation on Dating Violence Prevention and Club Drugs programs. "Loves Me, Loves Me Not" focuses on alerting parents to the current statistics, signs, symptoms and prevention of dating violence Community resources and referrals will be made available to attendees along with handouts parents can share with their children.

In addition, the Club Drug presentation will provide parents and students with knowledge about the increased prevalence of designer drugs, signs, symptoms and side effects of use, paraphernalia associated with use and club drug culture that attracts young people.

Also participating in the program will be a representative from Illinois Comptroller Dan Hynes's Office talking about credit card debt and its effects on college students. When they enter college, young adults have an array of credit cards from which to choose and many continue to increase their credit card purchases long after graduation. Credit card companies prey on young adults, knowing that their parents will, more often than not, bail their children out when it comes to oversized balances and late payments. Learn how not to fall victim to credit card companies when your teen begins college.

For more information about the seminar, please call the Office of Special Services at 708-403-6188.

Tinley Park Library programs announced

Café Ole

The youth services department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grades 6 – 12 to bring their friends to Café Ole's Improv Workshop Wednesday, June 25 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. No registration required. Phone 532-0160 ext. 125 for additional info. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Internet Classes

Registration begins Saturday, June 28 for the following Internet Classes at the Tinley Park Public Library: Mousercize Class teaches those with little or no experience now to use a mouse – July 8 at 2:00 pm. Fee: Free. Beginner Internet Class, July 17 and 24 at 6:30 pm, is for those with little or no Internet experience. Fee: $30 for two 2-hour sessions. The only requirement is the ability to manipulate a mouse. Downloading Class, July 21 at 2:00 am, discusses how to download files and software; how to decompress zip files and how to install the downloaded software.

Fee: $10. E-Mail Class, July 12 at 10:00 am, covers account registration, inbox, address books, and attachments using Yahoo mail. Fee: $10. Advance registration is required in person for all classes except Mousercize. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Ave. Phone 5320-0160 ext. 2 for information. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Tinley Tomes

The Tinley Park Public Library afternoon adult book discussion group will meet Wednesday, July 9 at 1:30 pm to discuss Geek Love by Katherine Dunn. No registration is required. Books will be available at the reference desk one month prior to discussion date. Large type and recorded editions are available upon request. For additional info, phone the reference desk at 532-0160 ext. 2. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Ave. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Kids "Broadway Idol" Talent Search Camp

Egla (Aggie) DiTola, veteran area performer and instructor for over 30 years, and artistic director of Aggie's Performing Arts Center, in Alsip, will be holding spaces for enrollment of talented kids who like to sing, dance, or act, for a summer "Broadway Idol" talent camp. Children ages 6-18 are qualified for this new showcase, which was initiated following the rage of the popular TV talent shows such as "American Idol", "Fame", "Most Talented Kids", and "Star Search". Children interested in learning stage performance and in finding and polishing their talents, will be able to involve themselves in a Broadway theme talent revue, concentrating on their particular category of talent. They will also be discovering their new talents, with solo, duet, and group production numbers performed in this theatrical music and dance revue. Guest instructors and other professional area performers will be invited to critique talent categories during the duration of the camp.

The camps will run 2 days a week for 13 weeks for a fee of $140, from June 23 to August 8, with a performance following in mid-August. Ages 6-12 will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and children 13-18 will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays, with both classes scheduled for 10:00 am. to 1:00 pm. There are no classes on July 3 and 4. Parents are asked to pack a lunch and disposable container beverage for each class. Summer vacations will not conflict, unless scheduled on the last week of rehearsals and for performance tentatively scheduled for the weekend of the 15th of August. All vacations must be made known to the director on the day of enrollment.

The production will have a Broadway musical theme, showcasing acting monologues, musical instruments, singing, dancing, baton twirling, and Broadway production style numbers. It will be directed by Aggie DiTola, and assisted by Andrew Byrne.

Registration is scheduled for now until June 30th at Aggie's Performing Arts Center, 11949 S. Pulaski Road, Alsip, IL 60803, from 4:00 to 8 pm. on Mondays, Tuesday, and Fridays; 4:00 to 6:00 pm. on Wednesdays and Thursdays; and 12:30 to 4:30 pm. on Saturdays. If there are any questions, please call the studio at 708-293-1844 or the office at 708-754-7246 at anytime.

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Pictured: Dr. Patel (left) and Dr. Hogg

New Dentist joined office

Dr. James Hogg, of 10232 S. Central Ave., Oak Lawn, announced that a new dentist has joined his office, Dr. Dilip Patel, who is a graduate of the University of Illinois College of Dentistry.

Dr. Hogg stated that Dr. Patel recently was the recipient of an Outstanding Achievement Award in Operative Dentistry from the Academy of Operative Dentistry.

Dr. Hogg concluded by saying that his new dentist was brought to his attention by Dr. Fred Stroner, who is the Clinical Instructor at the University of Illinois.

Dr. Hogg is a former dental instructor at the University of Illinois College of Dentistry.

Jiffy Lube teams up with Chicago Food Depository

In recognition of Hunger Awareness Month in the Greater Chicago area, Jiffy Lube today announced its summer food drive for the Greater Chicago Food Depository, Chicago's food bank. Beginning Monday, June 9 through the end of July, Jiffy Lube outlets throughout Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana will be collecting canned goods to benefit the Food Depository.

Motorists donating a can of food at their local Jiffy Lube will receive a Signature Service Oil Change for $19.99. Jiffy Lube's goal is to collect 10,000 pounds of canned goods during the seven week period.

Motorists are urged to donate foods such as canned fruits, vegetables, soup, meat and fish. In exchange, they will receive a discount on Jiffy Lube's Signature Service Oil Change including up to five quarts of Pennzoil or Quaker State Conventional Oil.

Those who wish to upgrade to premium oils will also receive a $7.00 rebate check with mail in application.

Golf Outing sponsored

Our Lady of Fatima Knights of Columbus, is sponsoring a Memorial Golf Outing at Stony Creek Golf Club, located at 5860 W. 103rd St., on Saturday July 12, 2003.

Honoring Rev. Thomas Van Thienen O.S.A. their former Chaplain for Forty years.

First tee time is 8:00 am (no shot gun start).

The outing will feature a $20,000.00 Hole in One hole plus three other Hole in One holes for additional valuable prizes. The cost is $75.00 per golfer includes Cart, lunch refreshments and a prize for each golfer.

Call 708-422-5800 or 708-636-7163 for reservations.

Jitterbug Club is hosting dance

The Chicago Jitterbug Club is hosting a dance on July 12th at 6050 S. Harlem from 8:00 till 12 midnight.

Admittance is a $7 donation at the door and parking is free.

Our dance parties feature a variety of oldies and the best R&B played by the top swing D.J. in Chicago.

For information call the hotline at (708) 388-JUMP.

Hilton will host wedding and fashion show

The Hilton Oak Lawn will host a Summer Wedding and Fashion Show on Wednesday, July 9, 2003. Doors open at 5:30 pm, Fashion show starts at 8:00 pm.

Eva's Bridals of Oak Lawn along with Black Tie Formal Wear of Oak Lawn, with branches in Orland Park and South Holland will be showing their latest bridal attire. Music by Tone Productions, Oak Lawn,.

Prospective brides are encouraged to come early and visit with more than fifty exhibitors who can help plan the perfect wedding. Register for fabulous door prizes, enjoy cheese and champagne when you take a tour of the hotels suites and Tower Room. Every bride touring the suites receives a change to win an overnight in our Jacuzzi Suite. Special discounts are available to show attendees. Book any one of the Hotel's three honeymoon Packages the evening of the Bridal Show to receive a 20% discount.

Sample Wedding Cakes created by our Pastry Chef Noel Santos.

Before the show visit with florists, hair stylists, makeup artists, formalwear experts, bakeries,, photographers, DJ's and view the beautiful limousines on display.

Fabulous door prizes will be raffled off after the fashion show. An overnight at the Sybaris and a 3 day/4 night, hotel only, mini vacation to Aruba, St. Martin, Barbados or the Cayman Islands. Winners must be present to win.

An express Menu will be available in Whitney's Restaurant from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The Hilton Gift Shop will open until 7:00 pm.

Call 708-229-8850 and receive two free tickets to the show, while supply lasts.

Admission charge the night of the show $5.00.

Willowbrook Ballroom offers dance classes

Monday, June 23, from 7:30 - 10:30 pm. Country and Western Dance. Admission will be $6. Lessons take place from 7:30-9:30 pm. C&W dancing continues from 9:30-10:30 pm. Willowbrook Ballroom also offers a $55 C&W monthly pass. Jeans and boots are welcome!

Tuesday, June 24, from 7:30-10:30 pm. Country and Western Dance. Admission will be $6. Lessons take place from 7:30-9:30 pm. C&W dancing continues from 9:30-10:30 pm. Willowbrook Ballroom also offers a $55 C&W monthly pass. Jeans and boots are welcome!

Wednesday, June 25, from 7:30-11:00 pm. Salsa Night. Admission will be $7. Beginners' salsa lessons are from 7:30-8:00 pm, intermediate/advanced lessons are from 8:15-8:45 pm, open dancing continues from 8:45 -11:00 pm. No jeans or gym shoes please.

Friday, June 27, from 7:30-midnight, Country Western Dance. Admission will be $12. The Teddy Lee Orchestra will provide live ballroom tunes. Proper attire is required. No jeans or gym shoes please.

Sunday, June 29, from 6:30-7:30 pm, Accelerated Swing Dance Classes. Admission will be $7. Jumpin' Jivin' D.J. music will be provided. Basic swing lessons are from 7:30-8:30 pm, open dancing follows from 8:30- 11:30 pm, dancers are encouraged to attend in vintage attire. No jeans or gym shoes please.

Willowbrook Ballroom is located at 8900 S. Archer Ave. in Willow Springs.

For more information, call (708) 839-1000 or visit www.willowbrookballroom.com

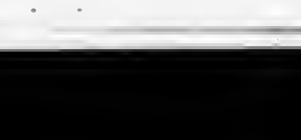
Flanagan's Wake premieres

Chicago's Noble Fool Theater Company and Pheasant Run Resort & Spa are proud to launch an all new production of the popular interactive Irish wake, Flanagan's Wake, beginning June 21, 2003.

The show will take place at "Preservation Hall" Studio Theater on Bourbon Street at Pheasant Run Resort & Spa, 4051 E. Main Street, St. Charles, IL.

Flanagan's Wake is the longest running Irish interactive comedy in Chicago theater history. The villagers of the beautiful fictional village of Grapplin, County Sligo, Ireland tell tales, sing songs and mourn the passing of one of their own, Flanagan.

The performance schedule for Flanagan's Wake at Pheasant Run Resort & Spa Box Office at 630-584-6342 an at all Ticketmaster Ticket Centers, by calling 312-902-1500, or by visiting www.ticket master.com.



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MOST program continues

Moraine Valley and Community High School District 218 are continuing to provide the MOST for area high school students through real-life on-site job training.

Throughout the last, Eisenhower High School in Blue Island, Richards High School in Oak Lawn, and Shepard High School in Palos Heights, along with Moraine Valley, partnered in a program called MOST - Moraine Valley On-Site Training - to provide Community High School District 218 students the opportunity to learn marketable vocational skills for post high school employment. The program is symbiotic in that it provides vocational training to students who in turn provide services for the college at no cost to the institution.

"Moraine Valley has provided the backbone for the MOST program's rapid growth over the past year," said Teresa Haseltine, on-site supervisor for the MOST program and a Community High School District 218 staff member. "The college has been extremely helpful in accommodating the needs of our students as the program continues to expand."

Moraine Valley and District 218 created the partnership in spring 2001. The program was modeled after Lockport Township High School's similar relationship with Silver Cross Hospital. However, the District 218 partnership with Moraine Valley is unique to the area since area high schools typically unite with hospitals to provide job-skills training to students. Under the auspices of the Moraine Valley agreement, students work once or twice a week while earning class credits from nine various areas of the college, including Café Moraine, the Child Care Center, Custodial, Grounds, the Health Fitness Center, the Police Department, Reprographics, Shipping and Receiving, and Workforce Development and Community Service. Currently, 48 students are enrolled."

"The MOST students are a wonderful asset to our area," said Sue Kempczynski, director of the Health Fitness Center at Moraine Valley. "They take a great deal of pride in their work and are very helpful to the overall operation of the facility."

Andrew Duren, vice president for Administrative Services and College Facilities at Moraine Valley, also acknowledges the program's value. "The District 218 partnership is a wonderful opportunity for students within our district to experience a realistic working environment here at Moraine Valley," he said.

For more information, call Josh Reinhart, College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5742, or e-mail reinhart@morainevalley.edu

Swim Classes will be held

Summer Swim Lessons will be held this year at Oak Lawn Community High School, 9400 Southwest Highway, beginning June 11th and June 30th. The lessons are open to all children ages 3 to 15. Children are grouped according to their ability. Registration opened Saturday, April 12"Cost is $30.00 for residents and $35.00 for non-residents. Any questions call Vern Scarpelli at (708) 424-5200, Ext. 7741:

Other programs include:

- Adult Swim Lessons offered Friday's from 8:20 p.m. to 9:20 p.m. Cost is $20.00 for 8 lessons and you may register any Friday night at the class.
- Aquarobics, a water exercise class, offered Wednesday nights from 8:20 p.m. to 9:20 p.m. Cost is $3.00 per session or $25.00 for 10 lessons.
- Family Swim is offered Monday nights from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Bring the family to enjoy a dip or swim laps. All children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is $3.00 per person or $25.00 for 10 sessions.
- Lap Swimming is offered Monday, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - Wednesday and Friday 8:20 p.m. to 9:20 p.m. Cost is $3.00 per swim or $25.00 for 10 swims.

Springboard Diving is for children who can swim on length of the pool and are not afraid of the deep end. Students will be exposed to basic diving positions and become comfortable using the diving board. Dates are as follows:

Session I - Monday, June 23, 2003 to Thursday, July 3, 2003 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Session II - Monday, July 21, 2003 to Thursday, July 31, 2003 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Cost is $30.00 and is limited to 15 students. Questions about this camp may be directed to Forrest Wagner (708) 424-5200, Ext. 7686. Registration is Monday, April 14, 2003 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Oak Lawn Community High School.

Questions - call Kathy Welch at (708) 424-5200 or e-mail kwelch@olchs.org

Swimming Clinic for High School and Incoming 8th Graders

Get ready for the fall swim season by working on technique and gaining the competitive edge. Includes a T-shirt.

Dates - July 21, 2003 to August 1, 2003, Monday through Friday, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., cost $50.00.

Registration is Monday, April 14, 2003 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Oak Lawn Community High School.

Questions - call Kristin Peczkowski at (708) 424-5200, Ext. 7776

Competitive Swimming Team - Join the Oak Lawn Swim Club for fun and meet the challenge of learning and becoming fit. Practices are held at the Oak Lawn Community High School pool. Practices are in the evening the ages 14 and under and in the morning for ages 15 and up.

Dates are Monday, May 27, 2003 to Saturday, July 19, 2003

Ages 8 and under - Monday and Wednesday's from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.; Ages 9 and up - Monday through Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Fridays are optional. Cost is $95.00 for ages 8 and under, $125.00 for ages 9 and up.

High School and Incoming 8th graders - June 16, 2003 to August 8, 2003, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., cost $150.00. Registration opened April 14, 2003.

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Photo: Sean Fortunato (Harold Ross), Blake Hammond (Alex Woolcott) and Susie McMonagle (Jane Grant) star in Northlight Theater's production"At Wit's End" currently running at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie.

At Wit's End Plays

By Marijo Doody

Northlight Theater ends its 2002-03 season with the award winning musical "At Wit's End" .The play received its world premier at Florida Stage in 2001, where it won the Carbonell Award . The new musical by Chicago lyricist and playwright Cheri Coons and composer Michael Duff, began its local run May 14 and runs through June 22, 2003.

The musical transports audiences to 1929 where the flamboyant members of the famed Algonquin Round Table (Tallulah Bankhead,Georoge Kaufman, Dorothy Parker and Edna Ferber, among others)perform a play in the lobby of the Hotel to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the first luncheon. The historical figures play themselves, as well as bellboys, waiters, and "the little people".At the heart of the story is a love triangle between three of the table members, journalist Jane Grant , her husband Harold Ross a newsman and Alexander Woollcott a theater critic. Ross and Grant have conceived a sassy new magazine (The New Yorker) but have no finances or connections. In comes Alex, full of vicious verve, smitten with Jane and turns his unrequited love to spite using influence to impede their success. The story that unfoldes is one of perseverence, wit and love.

Cynicisim and ebullience coexisted during the 1920's and found joint expression as satire in words and images. It was an era as depicted in "At Wit's End" when ridicule was a weapon of choice. Northlight's production was absolutely fantastic.

The actors playing were Blake Hammond (Alex), made his Northlight debute. Sean Fortunato(Ross), Susie McMonagle(Grant) all veterns of Chicago theater were magnificient in the parts of singing, dancing and acting. This is a real winner for Northlight. The playwrite Coons has co-written ten musicals that have received professional productions. She has shared a Joseph Jefferson Award and has recieved an After Dark Award for lyrics. Her original songs have been featured on "Good Morning America" and "The Today Show". The composer Duff has written four musicals produced, and directed over 80 productions. He also has recieved a Jefferson and After Dark Awards.

"At Wit's End " runs through June 22, 2003 at Northlight Theater at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie just off Gold Road on Skokie Blvd. Tickets are available at the box office at 847-673-6300. This is a highly recommended play for much enjoyment.

Appeal for Property taxes in Palos Township

In an ongoing effort to help citizens appeal their property taxes, Palos Township Robert E. Maloney has expanded office hours during the appeal season, which runs from May 12 to June 26. In addition to regulare office hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday, the Assessor's office will now be available for assistance by appointment. "We want to be as felexible as possible so that we can accommodate taxpayers who are unable to come in during morning and afternoon hours". Assessor Maloney indicates. It should also be noted that during this past reassessment period, Palos Township property owners completed over 2,190 appeals. This surpassed the amount completed during the last reassessment in 1999 by over 9%. You may come in or call for an appointment to receive this free and very important service. Robert E. Maloney, Palos Township Assessor, 10802 South Roberts Road, 708-598-4418.

Moraine Valley apartments

By Carlene E. O'Connor

At the Moraine Valley Board meeting of June, four student housing, of 325 apartments, being built at the campus was discussed.

Dr. Nancy Weber, spokesperson for the college, gave a speech saying that it was the right thing to do. It was the best environment for students to learn and grow. It promotes more independent people in a changing world and gives a full college experience.

The parking at the college is a challenge for many students and this would lessen the time taken to get to classes. The apartments are in a safe and affordable place for students, which they did not have before.

The Mayor Gerald Bennett and the City Council fully support this project.

To ensure that all students are reliable, background checks would be done on each one.

The cost of the project is 14.26 million and is expected to be completed by September 2005. The cost would be paid from the City of Palos Hills bonds and bring in $900,000 net profit.

Adam Fisher, a student at the college spoke saying we want housing to maintain as a good GPA and good students are the type that seek housing. In today's society housing seemed the best avenue to go for Moraine Valley students.

Pictured from left: Fr. William P. Murphy ('33 St. rita H.S.), Queen of Martyrs Pastor Emeritus and Fr. Thomas McCarthy, OSA ('83 St. Rita H.S.), St. Rita H.S. President and Queen of Martyrs Weekend Associate.

Father honored on 70th Anniversary

Father William P. Murphy, Pastor Emeritus of Queen of Martyrs Parish in Evergreen Par, was honored and presented with a plaque celebrating the 70th anniversary of his graduation form St. Rita High School and the 60th anniversary of his ordination of Priesthood during St. Rita's Alumni Banquet on May 2nd at the Martinique Ballroom.

Fr. Murphy, Class of 1993, continues to be a very active alumnus at St. Rita and is equally active at Queen of Martyrs Church and Grammar School.

Annual Raffle drawing to be held

Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce & Industry's Annual $10,000.00 Grand Raffle drawing to be held on Thursday, June 19th, 0203 at the 26th Annual Golf Outing and Dinner at the Carriage Greens Country Club.

Only 400 tickets will be sold at $50.00 each. Tickets are available for purchase now through June 18th, 2003 at the following locations: Archer Bank, Bridgeview Chamber Office, Bridgeview Community Center, Bridgeview Park District, Bridgeview Health Care Center, Burbank Chiropractic Center, Fifth-Third Bank of Oak Lawn, Midland Federal S & L, Moore Properties, Prairie Bank & Trust Co., R & B Liquors, Summit Insurance Agency and the Village of Bridgeview.

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Pictured from L. to R.: The Chamber's golf outing committee: Rhonda Martin; Peter Schwarz; Joan Kennedy; Jack Baker; Leo Gutchewsky; Le Roy Corradino and Nicole Castagna.

Oak Lawn Chambers announces golf outing

The Oak Lawn Chambers of Commerce will hold their annual golf outing fund raiser on Wednesday, July 9 at the Oak Lawn Park District Stony Creek Golf Course, located at 5860 W. 103 St.

This is their first year at a new venue. Golfing will commence with a shotgun start at 12:30 pm. All afternoon, golfers may participate in special games and savor some relaxing refreshments at the beer holes. A lunch will be provided before golfing begins. The cost is $55 per person. Advance payment is required to secure your reservation. Maximum 112 golfers. That evening, don't miss the Chamber's buffet style dinner gala featuring a pig roast and special raffle drawings. The cocktail hour begins at 5:30 pm and dinner will follow at 7:00 pm. The cost is $45 per person. Advance reservations are required. The discounted price to both golf and attend dinner gala is $95 per person. Call the Chamber Office to make your golf and dinner reservations at 708-424-8300.

Join us at vacation bible school

Vacation Bible School at the First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park, located at 94th St. & Homan Ave., on June 23 - 26, will be sponsored by Gospel Odyssey, a group of Christian college students from around the Midwest.

The program is open to kids entering grades 1 through grade 6 and will operate from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm, Monday through Thursday.

Activities including Bible study, music and crafts, will give each participant a variety of Christian experiences.

To register call the church at 708-422-8451. There is no cost to enroll for Vacation Bible School.

Pictured: Art & Ruth Vazquez

Church kitchen updated

Master wood finisher and cabinet maker, Art Vazquez (also all around handyman) has gifted the Palos U.M.C. with his talents in countless ways, including: designing, making and installing new railings up to the choir loft, installing felt around the doors to Fellowship Hall to deaden the noise and caulking the window panes on those doors, repairing the end table in the hallway, installing the lock on the computer, working with the plumber to repair frozen drainpipe and sanitizing the kitchen after, unclogging the drain in the women's washroom and repairing the toilet, installing new lighting in the parsonage bathroom and repainting it.

He has also done work in the homes of many parishioners and their friends. If you would like totally dependable and extremely skilled help with a project you have, call the church for more info at 708-448-0798.

Jim Allen to address Oak Lawn Kiwanis

Jim Allen, Assistant County Treasurer within the office of Cook County Treasurer, Maria Pappas, will speak before the Oak Lawn Kiwanis, Thursday, June 19 following a 6:30 pm dinner at the Old Barn Restaurant, located at 8100 S. Parkside, Burbank.

Judy Gonsch, coordinator, announced that Mr. Allen will explain the workings of the Cook County Treasurer's Office.

Jim has assisted Treasurer Pappas in several key initiatives, including the use of the internet to alert persons who are owed $35 million in inheritances.

A graduate of Eastern Illinois University, Jim has a complete understanding of; the property tax collection system.

Court defines duties of an estate guardian

Simply put, the "estate" of a person is everything he or she owns. It includes land, investments, bank accounts, furniture, cars, clothing and collectibles.

Frequently, a person who has been named by the court as a legal guardian for another person also is appointed the person's estate guardian.

In general, the estate guardian's duty is to manage the person's estate in a way that is frugal, conservative and cautious.

Estate guardians are bound by Illinois law as follows: You must receive written permission from the court to sell any of the ward's property to pay for the ward's care; you should open an FDIC fully insured checking account, with the ward's social security number on the account, to pay for his or her expenses; you will not be personally liable for your ward's debts, however, you can be forced to pay for any mismanagement or fraudulent use of the ward's estate; you are not legally protected by getting the ward's consent on an expenditure; you may not remove any of the ward's property outside the State of Illinois; you must file an inventory of the persons's assets, usually within 60 days of your appointment as estate guardian; if you discover additional assets after the initial inventory is filed, as supplement inventory list must be filed within 60 days; you cannot sell, lease, mortgage or use as security the ward's land, house, car or other property without the court's consent.

An estate guardian is required to keep a careful record of all transactions involving the ward's property and usually is required by the court to submit a report periodically. For further information about law related issues, contact a lawyer in your area or visit www.illinois lawyer finder.com.

Luther League celebrates reunion

Trinity Luther League of Trinity Lutheran Church located at 97th & Brandt Ave. in Oak Lawn, will be celebrating a 35th reunion the weekend of July 12 and 13, 2003.

This will include anyone who was in the youth program at Trinity from 1968 to the present.

For more information, please contact the church at 708-422-0193.

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Orland Park Farmers' Market season opens

Mayor Dan McLaughlin will rang the bell to open the second season of the Village of Orland Park Farmers' Market at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, June 13, 2003 at the Village Center Complex, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. The market will be open every Friday (except July 4th) from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October 10th.

Market vendors will offer a variety of fruits, vegetables, pastries, breads, gourmet food mixes, oils, flowers, potted plants, jewelry, garden stones, and other miscellaneous items for sale.

Barbeque lunches featuring hamburgers, hot dots, brats, chips and soda will also be available for purchase at the market.

For more information, please call 708/403-6145.

Keeping in the spirit of the Memorial Day weekend, three seniors from Oak Forest High School dressed in patriotic colors for their prom, "A Moment Like This". The young women, (from left to right), Ellen Nyquist, Angela Weinert, and Katherine Allen joined nine other couples for picture taking and then headed off to the prom at the Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park for a night of dancing and fun.

OAK FOREST H.S. PROM "A MOMENT LIKE THIS"

The Odyssey Country Club was the scene of the Oak Forest High School's Prom, "A Moment Like This". Several hundred senior and junior couples dressed in tuxedos and formals were delivered to the door in limousines and rental buses. They dined on a family style dinner and danced to music provided by Legacy Productions amidst a backdrop of midnight blue, light blue and silver. The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the Prom Queen, Jurate Moskavicz and Prom King, Brendan Baratta. The prom was the end of several weeks of events honoring seniors before graduation.

A Face you will love

This summer, add a manatee to your family! Show a family member how much you care by adopting a manatee in their name. You can't take the manatee home, but Save the Manatee Club (SMC) will send a photo and biography of the newest addition to the family. An adoption certificate, membership handbook, and newsletter subscription are also included. Manatees are animals you won't have to feed, walk, or clean up after — and they don't talk back. You'll have the fun without all the responsibility, and your contribution will go toward efforts to help protect endangered manatees and their habitat.

It's hard to resist the charm of manatees. Gentle and slow moving, they can be found in the waterways of southeastern United States—primarily in Florida. Today, there are only about 3,000 manatees left. They are an endangered species, and they need our help. Each year, many manatees are killed by watercraft collisions. They are crushed in floodgates and canal locks, and they become entangled in fishing gear. The greatest long-term threat to manatees, however, is loss of habitat.

Nineteen manatees that regularly winter at Blue Spring State Park in Orange City, FL, have been chosen for one of SMC's three Adopt-A-Manatee programs. Adoptees at Blue Spring include manatee moms such as Phyllis, Lily, and Lucille. In the spring of 1991, Phyllis gave birth to twins, a rare occurrence for manatees. She has had several calves since that time. Lily is also the mother of several calves and a regular park visitor. She has returned each year since 1974, and she came in with a new calf this year! Lucille was born in 1980, and she also regularly winters at Blue Spring. She had her first calf at an early age and became a grandmother in 1993.

SMC's other adoption program is at Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park in Homosassa, FL. The park is a rehabilitation facility for manatees that are recovering from injuries before being released back into the wild. Five female manatees that cannot be released into the wild for life-threatening reasons currently call the park their home. They include Amanda, who suffered injuries from a watercraft collision, and her daughters Ariel and Betsy. Rosie and Lorelie are other park resident.

Five manatees frequently seen in the Tampa Bay area and along the west coast of Florida are also in SMC's Adopt-A-Manatee program. Most of these manatees spend all or part of the year in Tampa Bay. The female manatees in the program include Elsie, Flicker, and Ginger.

Save the Manatee Club is a national, nonprofit organization that was started in 1981 by U.S. Senator Bob Graham and singer/songwriter Jimmy Buffett. The Club's mission is to protect endangered manatees and their habitat. Contributions to the Adopt-A-Manatee program are tax deductible and help to support SMC's manatee education and public awareness projects. SMC also funds manatee rescue, rehabilitation, and research efforts in the U.S. and the Wider Caribbean and helps to protect manatees and their habitat through advocacy and legal action.

For more information about manatees or the Adopt-A-Manatee program, contact Save the Manatee Club, 500 N. Maitland Ave., Maitland, FL 32751, 1-800-432-JOIN (5646). Visit the SMC web page at http://www.savethemanatee.org

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Gospel Odyssey 2003

Be on the look out this summer for a touring group of college students that come with hearts and hands to the South West areas of Chicago, Il. *The Gospel Odyssey* once again will tour, in grass-roots style, offering free performances to the communities filled with singing, live dramas, and personal testimonies that they hope will present *Something Beyond What Eyes have seen* to all people of various age, background, and beliefs. In addition, the group will be offering their strong backs and many hands to the area by joining up with the local community volunteer organizations and philanthropy groups.

During their week long stay here in the South Side area they hope not only to be able to share their personal experiences of growing up in today's ever changing and diverse society and the role that God has played in that story, but also to be able to "practice what they preach" by offering themselves to work hand-in-hand with the community in its own efforts to aide humanity in general and the immediate needs surround them:

About the Show

There will be a number of one-hour performances that will be offered free to the community. Each performance will include live music, singing, skits, and personal testimonies that the college students have created and put together to express what they believe will reveal, "Something Beyond What Eyes have Seen". Dates and places vary, so please check your local papers for specific information.

About Gospel Odyssey

"Gospel Odyssey" is a nonprofit organization that is self-funded and made up of college students from campuses across the Midwest and Canada. "Gospel Odyssey" is an independent organization made up of about 50 college students pooled from various Christian clubs and groups around the Great Lakes area and lead by non-student campus advisors. All members share the common belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who died and **resurrected to bring forgiveness of sins and new life to those who believe into Him, that the Bible is the word of God, and that great joy and meaning can be found on the path of the Christian life.**

Local Schedule of planned events:

Gospel Odyssey 2003, South Side Area Chicago Illinois, Touring June 21 - June 29.

Gospel Odyssey Skate at the Oak Lawn Ice Rink Monday, June 23. Come and Skate with Us, Admission is free. 9320 South Keton Ave., Oak Lawn , 7 pm to 9 pm

Vacation Bible School for children entering grades 1 - 6, June 23 - June 26, 1:30 to 4:00 pm every afternoon. Three Locations in the area. Concluding performance, 7 PM, Thursday, June 26.

First United Methodist Church, 9344 S. Homan Ave., Evergreen Park.

Oak View Community Center, 4625 W. 110th St., Oak Lawn.

Oak Lawn Ice Arena, 9320 S. Kenton Ave., Oak Lawn.

• To register call Antipas at 773 685 - 9218 or email andesai@juno.com

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Saturday, June 28, 5 pm show and 7 pm show, Evergreen Park Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St., Evrgreen Park.

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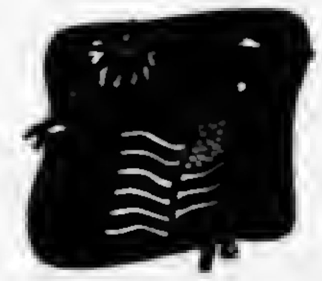

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Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Shawn L. Clady, a 1982 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School, Chicago, IL., recently left on a four month Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) deployment to Southeast Asia aboard the guided missile frigate USS Curts, homeported in San Diego, California.

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Orland Park settles Colette Highlands issue

by David Vognar

With a resounding stamp of approval, the Orland Park Board of Trustees put to rest a long-debated issue at its June 2, 2003 regular meeting. The board authorized the annexation agreement concerning the proposed development project at the northeast corner of 159th Street and 108th Ave., Colette Highlands.

Development project and village liaisons had been meeting privately for more than a year to forge an agreement. The resulting compromise stipulates, among other things, that Colette Highlands will utilize 92.7 acres, including an 11.5-acre Metra lot. The company will build 67 single-family homes, in addition to 96 condominiums. The developer will establish a parks and recreation area, while setting aside an 8.5 acre allotment for commercial retail development.

During open debate of the proposal, Trustee Bernard Murphy expressed concern over the city's funding for landscaping and retention pond maintenance in the anticipated agreement. Orland Park authorized a payment of $20,000 for landscaping and, in confluence with its purchase of 33 acres of development land, will spend an estimated total of $4.3 million to buttress the development.

Murphy criticized the village's willingness to be responsible for Colette Highland's retention pond planning. In response, Village President Daniel J. McLaughlin noted the village's extensive negotiations with the company and asseverated that the figure, while somewhat high, was lowered substantially from previous dollar figure estimates.

In other financial news, the village thoroughly debated the prospect of hiring consultants to negotiate federal and state-funded grants. Though the village's sales tax is increasing yearly, the percentage of sales tax growth is decreasing. Such trends caused board members to question the necessity of the hiring of consultants if village employees could interact with grant representatives.

Traditionally, the village hires outside consultants to work with its own finance experts to devise plans to submit to the Department of Natural Resources when negotiating development grants. With acquisition grants, as is the case of the village's incipient OSLAD grants, the board planned to continue with its consultant hiring. OSLAD grants assist in purchasing and developing lands for active uses, such as sports arenas, golf courses and swimming pools.

In other proceedings, board members approved a request for a proposal to institute a contract with Elite Maintenance for the village's janitorial services. Trustee Edward G. Schussler, who was not satisfied with the village's former service, requested that the village invest in an escape clause to cancel the janitorial contract if service proves to be less than adequate. The village had not yet solidified the contract.

Orland Village President McLaughlin informed the board that in recent congressional hearings in Springfield, the Illinois Senate passed a measure to de-annex the Mokena Park District from within Orland Park's borders. The bill was passed by a 58-0 vote. "Citizens within the contested area are essentially being taxed twice," said McLaughlin. McLaughlin requested that the bill be held until November in the Illinois House to give the Mokena Park District time to negotiate a settlement with Orland Park to eliminate the need for legislation.

McLaughlin congratulated School District 230 Sandburg for obtaining the Gold Medal Award for outstanding achievement in education. "These kinds of awards highlight what we already know about District 230," said McLaughlin.

McLaughlin also recognized Boy Scout Scott Steffel Torransky for his achievement in the Boy Scouts of America. Torransky achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's most prestigious honor.

Oak Forest votes to halt development

by David Vognar

The City Council of Oak Forest convened its June 10, 2003 meeting at City Hall under pressure to rule on Resolution No. 2493, the consideration of placing a moratorium on developments throughout the city. The Resolution called for a halting of development activity for 18 months, with the exception of commercial property on gateway corridors, TIF districts, special homeowner exemptions and accessory exemptions, such as the restoration or addition of fences, decks or pools. Under the proposed ordinance, development restriction would be focused in the area north of 159th Street and east of Long Avenue.

In debate forum, proponents of the new ordinance contended that, with the oncoming development of the city, lot sizes have been staked out in an arbitrary fashion. The new ordinance would serve to restore a semblance of order to the city layout.

Although most council members agreed that the array of the city's lot sizes is an important topic to be dealt with, council member Nancy [illegible] Hulinger and Gregory A. Simos questioned the applicability of the 18 months and called for a shorter stoppage period. The city's community development coordinator Robert McNeill allowed that 18 months seems to be a long period of time to stop development, but insisted that he could not control participation with any time period less than the proposed year-and-a-half tenure. Behind McNeill's urging, the council voted to approve the proposal, with only Hulinger and Simos blocking the motion.

During citizens participation time, Oak Forest citizen and Metra-user Janet Robinson expressed her displeasure with the village and Metra for their new restrictions of parking time at the train station located at 4850 West 159th Street. The new hours would prohibit anyone from using his or her rented Metra parking spot past 1:30 p.m. Robinson, who sometimes has to work late at her occupation, said that the restriction is both unjust and nonsensical. Apparently, as Mayor Patrick M. Gordon explained, the hour changes are an upshot of the ongoing impasse between Metra and Oak Forest. Metra refuses to build a new station, claiming that a stipulation to build a new station was not included in the 5 year plan with the city. The city, for its part, discourages citizens from using another Metra lot located elsewhere in the city very close to a school.

However, the mayor said that extenuating circumstances can be taken into account for residents like Robinson, who work overnight. Council member Paul W. Wetzel and the mayor suggested that citizens in similar positions to that of Robinson could, in conjunction with the city, notify the police of their special situations and would then be exempt from prosecution.

The council was also greeted with concern from Oak Forest resident Rosalie Kuoka, who chided the city for its negligence in city-wide mosquito abatement. Kuoka, who lives near 167th and Laramie, claimed that the city has done little to obviate the threat of dangerous West Nile virus-carrying mosquitoes that plagued the south suburbs last year. Kuoka lives near a wetlands area and says that the city poorly maintains it.

In other news, the council was momentarily held up on a minor fence variation issue concerning village resident Kim Taylor-Flynn's request for an extension in fence height on her property on the 14,000 block of Park Avenue. Taylor-Flynn had requested to extend her fence to 8-feet from 6-feet in height. Although council member Simos questioned the necessity of an 8-foot fence, council member Hulinger explained that one-half of the fence length is already 8-feet high and an extension would only make the fence appear to be more uniform. After further explanation, the council quickly approved the motion.

Picture: A crew from the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program participates in a street cleaning project under supervision of a Cook County Deputy Sheriff.

Sheriff launches Summer Sweep Up

See page 2 for story.

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

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This poem is dedicated to Eddie [illegible], a young man who lives life ... blessings come true. A million thanks. The End

Real estate fraud hurts consumers

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Child care business expo to be held

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Presented by the Women's Business Development Center (WBDC), the Expo will feature [illegible]

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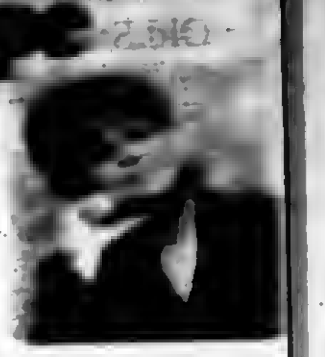

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The House That Eddie Built

The old frame house, it ain't what it use to be, it's old gray-sided walls are now but a memory.

It had been the place we called home for the past twenty-three years, our safe haven through good times, bad times, laughter and tears.

Years ago we picked cherries from the tree in the yard, and prayed for guidance when life got too hard.

We splashed away summers in a grand four foot pool, and savored the quiet when the kids returned to school.

A lush green lawn and a flowering wonderland of blossoming love, is what the man of the house, was most proud of.

We learned to fix and decorate with wall paper, paint and plaster, and survived the repairs that equaled disaster.

Then came a dilemma to choose an outcome for our housing fate, should we sell the old homestead or dare to renovate?

And, just when we needed it, a dream come true— Eddie listened and suggested the right thing to do. He said, "I'll build a home here for you."

So... a new house went up where the old one had been, and we knew going home would never be quite the same again.

We loved the old home even with its features gently distressed, but had no way of knowing how much we'd be blessed.

There are some who've asked why, at middle age, take on such a lot, and with our "you only live once" philosophy we've answered—"Why Not?!"

Soon we'll be going home to where our hearts will forever be, a new view to look out on familiar surroundings, is an awesome sight to me.

And as dauntless as an Irishman wearing a kilt, we'll live happily ever after in the house that Eddie built.

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This poem is dedicated to Eddie McBreaty, a young man who lives life ever mindful of dreams and blessings come true. A million thanks. The End

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How to start and expand a successful child care business is the focus of the Fifth Annual Child Care Business Expo, to be held at the Chicago Hilton & Towers, located at 720 S. Michigan Avenue in Chicago, on Saturday, June 21, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Presented by the Women's Business Development Center (WBDC), the Expo will feature numerous panel discussions with local experts.

The event, which is presented in both English and Spanish using state of the art infrared technology, will include the Applause Awards Luncheon featuring a keynote by Tom Copeland, director of the Redleaf National Institute, one of the major champions nationally on behalf of family child care providers. A dessert buffet and networking reception with door prizes will bring the event to a close.

Individual workshops will focus on starting a home based child care business, a center based business and moving from a home based business to a child care center. A new seminar this year, designed for child care providers who have been in business at least five years, will feature best business practices for advanced practitioners.

A panel of experts in each session will discuss topics such as industry regulations, securing payment for subsidized care, taxes and insurance, financing options and using technology in the business. The advanced session will include marketing your business and the basics of web site design.

The Exhibition Hall, open from 9:00 am to 12:45 pm will feature booths with information on taxes, payroll, insurance, higher education programs for early childhood education, food programs, financial planning, financing options, licensing information, joining a child care association, legal issues and buying toys and materials.

The cost, which includes all sessions, a continental breakfast and lunch, is $45.

There are a limited number of scholarships available.

For more information, contact the WBDC at 312-853-3477, ext. 29.

Free Ravinia passes available

The Oak Lawn Public Library, located at 5300 W. 95th St., is now offering a limited number of free lawn passes to 49 select Ravinia Festival "Words & Music" summer concerts.

Patrons may stop by the library's ravinia display for a complete listing of the program guidelines and a schedule of available dates.

All "Words & Music" performances are either jazz of classical music programs. No popular artists.

Pairs of free lawn passes (2) will be distributed to Oak Lawn residents on a first come, first served basis and cannot be reserved by telephone. Patrons must present their library card to claim a set of tickets. One pair of lawn passes per patron, not per household.

If an Oak Lawn resident has not claimed a set of tickets seven days prior to the performance date, they will be offered to the public at large. The program will end when the library's supply is depleted.

For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

Students complete D.A.R.E. program

Students from Central Park School and St. Christopher School (both in Midlothian) and students from Kolmar School (Crestwood) were recently awarded certificates of graduation for completing the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program, according to the office of Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan.

The students participated in a 17 week anti drug curriculum designed to equip them with the skills to resist peer pressure and the use of drugs. The program provides students with information on the dangers of drugs and alcohol and teaches them decision making skills by providing positive alternatives to drug or gang involvement.

D.A.R.E. is a successful national program that is conducted locally by the Cook County Sheriff's Office. The program puts specially trained Sheriff's officers in the classroom to teach grade school children about the perils of drug use.

The Sheriff's Office also offers D.A.R.E. sessions for parents. This five session program covers topics such as parenting skills, warning signs of drug use and factors that can lead to gang membership.

For more information about the Cook County Sheriff's D.A.R.E. program or for information on parent D.A.R.E. sessions, contact the Sheriff's Office of Preventive Programs at (708) 974-6060.

McDonald's sponsors Kids Triathlon

Salut – Shakin' Swimmers, Big Mac Bikers and Ronald's Runners. McDonald's has a great way to make kids smile this summer.

McDonald's owners of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana is back as the title sponsor of the country's largest Kids Triathlon, held in association with the Accenture Chicago Triathlon, on Saturday, August 23 at 9:00 am.

The 13th annual McDonald's Kids Triathlon for boys and girls ages 7-14 will be held immediately after the Fleet Feet Super Sprint Triathlon at Foster Avenue Beach in Chicago.

The McDonald's Kids Triathlon will host over 750 participants making it one of the largest children's triathlons in the world. Registrants to date include representation from all across the United States.

The triathlon takes place along Chicago's lakefront between Foster and Montrose avenues. Kids ages 7 to 10 complete in a 100 meter swim, 4 kilometer bike race and 1 kilometer run. For kids 11 to 14 the distances are doubled.

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Hickory Hills City Council Designates Honorary Street Sign

By Matt Mayer

I was enroute to cover my first Hickory Hills City Council meeting - as I drove past the municipal building, my car began to sputter. Oh, I managed to make it into a gas station all right. However, the station was out of business. That didn't stop me! I managed to get the car to sputter enough to get in the left turn lane on 88th Avenue. And there I sat!

I used my all-purpose auto breakdown tool - the cell phone. I called my wife and asked her to bring the gas can. A police car pulled up behind me and turned his lights on. Officer Scott Sodaro asked if I wanted him to give my car a shove into the gas station because he had rubber bumper guards on his car. I said that sounded good to me! Officer Sodaro said he'd give my car a brisk shove and then he would let go. It worked perfectly except the gas filler door was on the opposite side, and the pump wouldn't reach.

Well, this didn't stop Officer Sodaro. He pushed the car by hand to inch it closer to the pump. Along came my wife with the gas can. Officer Sodaro did everything humanly possible to help me. Not only is he a credit to his profession, but he is also a good samaritan. It's police officers like Scott Sodaro that italicize the phrase on police cars "We serve and protect". To top it off I wasn't late for the meeting!

At the June 26th Hickory Hills City council meeting, Regina Di Domenico, a 38 year resident of Hickory Hills and a member of the Hickory Hills Women's Club read a proposal by the Women's Club requesting the City Council to designate Kean Avenue in honor of Arnold Muzzarelli, the founder of the Sabre Room. Mayor Mike Howley requested a motion to support the request by the Women's Club to rename Kean Avenue from 87th Street to 95th Street the honorary Arnold Muzzarelli Drive, which was passed unanimously.

Howley said the Sabre Room is a landmark and that Muzzarelli is really like one of the founding fathers of Hickory Hills. Howley presented Mrs. Marie Muzzarelli a street sign to place at the Sabre room as well as a plaque. Howley also said he will ask their sign person to design a few more signs which will be placed on Kean Avenue.

Mrs. Muzzarelli said "I'd like to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart. Arnold would be very proud." The ceremony ended with a round of applause. The Sabre Room has been open since 1949.

The council approved a special-use ordinance for Star Truck Driving School, located at 7701 W. 95th Street. The council also approved the 87th Street subdivision for the property located at 7948 W. 87th Place. The city attorney said "that this property was originally proposed for a three-lot townhouse, which was turned down by the zoning board because they needed a variance; they constructed two townhouses in this area. Theses houses are up and ready to go"

Mayor Mike Howley reported that "Mary Ann Dougherty has done a great job with the apartment inspections, and she has done a great job in some of the things she has seen at the apartments and some citations she has issued, and I think everybody in the council is pretty happy about that." Howley said he had talked to Dougherty and that this is something they would like to see continued with businesses as well as residential problems. Howley also said "I'd like to thank Mary Ann for giving the inspections a kick start"

"The city council approved the following business licenses: Central Service Bureau at 9241 S. Roberts Road, which will provide counseling for immigrants and people applying for citizenship. Performance Auto Brokers, a wholesale used car business at 9701 S. 78th Avenue, and Soren Systems at 9755 S. 78th Avenue, which will sell auto and motorcycle parts, as well as related apparel at 9241 S. Roberts Road.

Pictured: Kathryn E. Nowicke and Walter Fronczek

Student receives Moraine Valley student life award

Kathryn E. Nowicke of Evergreen Park receives congratulations from Walter Fronczek, assistant dean of Student Life and Judicial Affairs at Moraine Valley, for her selection as recipient of the 2003 Student Life Award of Excellence.

Epidemic plagues work of chinese church planters

The epidemic that has swept through China and affected people around the world has taken lives and spread fear, seriously hampering the ministry of Bible League church planters and Bible couriers in China. More than 40 church planters were forced to halt their ministry, due to increased police presence, travel restrictions and the fear felt by the people in the villages where they work. SARS has infected more than 8,000 people worldwide, 5,000 of those in China alone. As of late May, the mainland's death toll stood at approximately 300. The rapid spread of the disease was made worse by the Chinese government's initial cover up of the severity of the problem.

The increased government presence to prevent the spread of SARS in the cities and countryside has added to the risk Christians already take to spread the Gospel. Roadblocks have been set up for authorities to check vehicles and the identity cards of individuals, greatly increasing the risk to church planters. Even local citizens have been asked to report their visitors to authorities.

This has severely restricted travel. Church planters are not able to travel to training locations and the Bible League has had to suspend all training for the immediate future. Due to government imposed restrictions, non Chinese are currently not allowed to travel in the countryside, making it impossible for Bible League coordinators to meet with their church planters. Restrictions have also dramatically impeded our efforts to place much needed Scriptures.

Like other China ministries, the Bible League has had to cancel all its Bible delivery teams into China for the next several months. In addition, it is difficult to move Bibles already in the country and even more risky for Chinese believers to get them. Due to lack of education and information about SARS, people in rural areas and villages have a great fear that visitors may carry the disease into their communities. This has made it nearly impossible for church planters to continue their work of evangelizing and discipling seekers and believers in these areas.

For more information, please contact the Bible League toll free at 866-TBL-INFO (866-825-4636), or e-mail e-News@Bible League.org, or visit www.Bible League.org.

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Evergreen Community Bank names two new officers

Alma Fuchs

Tina Reninger

Evergreen Community Bank, a locally owned and operated full-service bank with more than $70 million in assets, has promoted two key professionals.

Alma G. Fuchs was named controller financial officer, and Tina Reninger was appointed personal banking officer.

"These two dynamic individuals have longtime experience in progressively more responsible positions at community banks, and they are a tremendous asset to our very strong management team," says John A. Camphouse, the bank's president. "In addition, they are longtime, active members of the community and extremely knowledgeable about the needs of our growing customer base."

Before joining Evergreen Community Bank in 2000, Fuchs was assistant controller at West Suburban Bank and Trust Company. Previously she was a financial officer at the former First National Bank of Evergreen Park. She holds a BA in accounting and an MBA in finance from St. Xavier University, Graham School of Management, and resides in Oak Lawn with her husband and two children.

Reninger has been with Evergreen Community Bank since its beginnings in 1999. Previously she was a customer service supervisor at the former First National Bank of Evergreen Park. She resides in Evergreen Park with her husband.

Evergreen Community Bank, located at 3842 West 95th Street in Evergreen Park, Illinois, is a full-service bank with a complete range of value-added personal and business products and services. The bank's mission is to bring community banking and service back to the community. Locally owned and operated, Evergreen Community Bank currently has more than $70 million in assets.

Oak Lawn resident graduates from college

Laura T. Naddy of Oak Lawn has graduated magna cum laude from Boston College with a Bachelor of Science degree from its Wallace E. Carroll School of Management. Naddy majored in Accounting and Finance.

Student graduates from IIT

Peter Poczynok of Oak Lawn graduated from Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) in Chicago, during spring commencement ceremonies, May 18, 2003.

Poczynok received a Master of Science in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.

IIT offers academic programs in engineering, science, computer science, psychology, architecture, technical communications, business, design and law.

New tax scams surface

Although the federal tax filing season ended on April 15, the Internal Revenue Service continues to see new tax scams. One scheme targets families of those serving in the Armed Forces. Another targets e-mail users. In both schemes, people represent themselves as being from the IRS.

"Tax season may be over, but tax and IRS impersonations continue," said Sue Hales, IRS spokeswoman for northern Illinois. "These types of shameless schemes hold out the allure of easy money."

The IRS has seen isolated instances of the scam that targets families of those serving in the Armed Forces. Hales warns consumers to beware of any variation of this scenario. A telephone caller posing as an IRS employee tells a family member that he is entitled to $4,000 refund because his relative is in the Armed Forces and then requests a credit card number to cover a $42 fee for postage. The scammer provides an actual IRS toll free number as the call back number in order to make the call legitimate. However the scammer then makes numerous unauthorized purchases with the victim's credit card number.

Hales advises taxpayers that the IRS does not charge refunds. "Genuine IRS employees who call taxpayers do not ask for credit card numbers or request fees for payment of a refund," said Hales.

In another scheme, victims receive an e-mail that appears to be from the IRS. The e-mail contains links to a non IRS Internet Web page that asks for personal and financial information. Such information could be used to steal respondents identity and get access to sensitive financial data or accounts. Hales said the IRS does not request sensitive personal or financial data by e-mail.

Identity thieves can use someone's personal data to take over his or her financial accounts, run up charges on the victim's existing credit cards, apply for loans, credit cards, services or benefits in the victim's name or file fraudulent tax returns.

The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) which is authorized to investigate the misuse of the IRS name, insignia, seals and symbols, is reviewing both of these schemes.

Taxpayers who are on the receiving end of one of these scams should contact TIGTA by calling the toll free fraud referral hotline at 1-800-366-4484, faxing a complaint to 202-927-7018 or writing to the TIGTA Hotline, P.O. Box 589, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044-0589.

TIGTA web site is located at www.ustreas.gov/tigta. Additional information on tax scams is available on the genuine IRS web site at www.irs.gov. Enter the Newsroom page and click on the "Scams/Consumer Alerts" link under the "Topics" sidebar.

Century 21 New Vision Real Estate merges with Pro Team

Century 21 Pro Team is pleased to announce a merger with Century 21 New Vision. The new company will serve the community of Palos Park and it's surrounding areas, specializing in all aspects of Residential and Commercial property sales. It will operate out of its long time location in Palos Park at 12932 S. La Grange Rd.

"The joining of our firms will equip us with more power, knowledge and the tools to help our clients make the best real estate decisions for themselves and their families," says Ruta Susinskas, Vice President of Century 21 pro Team.

Century 21 Pro Team now services clients from Chicago to Plainfield. We are currently members of the Three Rivers Association of Realtors and the Realtor Association of West South Suburban Chicagoland.

Century 21 Real Estate Corporation is the largest real estate sales corporation in the world.

Pictured: Mike Zero, Zac Ehrenstrom, Ashley La Vela, Clay Carr, Kara Richmond, Kelly Dearth

McGugan Junior High School walks to raise money

Students at McGugan Jr. High School walked for the Cystic Fibrosis Walk-a-thon. Recently the students from McGugan Junior High School were able to raise $10,025 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

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Chicago Neighborhood Tours offered

Discover Chicago's culturally rich heritage through one of the city's most unique tour programs, Chicago Neighborhood Tours. A division of the Chicago Office of Tourism . Chicago Neighborhood tours offers three diverse tours throughout the month of July that highlight the people, history, industry and other aspects of several city neighborhoods. This month"s tours are presented as part of "Play On Chicago", a citywide initiative celebrating the city's musical heritage that includes Play in Chicago cultural events as well. June 1 - September 21.

Tours depart on Saturdays via motorcoach from the Chicago Cultural Center, located at 77 E. Randolph Street at Michigan Avenue Refreshments or lunch where noted, is included in each tour. Please call 312-742-1190 for reservations or visit www.chgocitytours.com to reserve on line.

Saturday, July 12, Humboldt Park and Ukrainian Village:

Located on Chicago's near Northwest Side, the neighboring communities of Humboldt Park and Ukrainian village offer visitors a view of ethnic, cultural and religious diversity. Visits include the recently restored Humboldt Park Boat House, the Ukrainian National Museum, the Louis Sullivan designed Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church and more. The tour departs at 10:00 am and returns at 2:00 pm. The cost of the tour is $25 for adults and $20 for seniors, students and children. Refreshments are served on the tour.

Saturday, July 19, Pilsen & Little Village:

The two side by side communities of Pilsen and Little village take pride in both Mexican and Mexican American heritage, highlighting the flavors and treasures of each amid vibrant, colorful neighborhoods. The tour includes visits to local shops, a guided walk to view an array of Pilsen's murals and a stop at the renowned Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum, the largest Latino museum in the United States. The tour departs at 10:00 am and returns at 2:00 pm. The cost of the tour is $25 for adults and $20 for seniors, students and children. Refreshments are served on the tour.

Saturday, July 26, Neighborhood Sampling - Special Interest Tour:

This tour allows guests to taste their way through several Chicago neighborhoods as they learn the history of ethnic cuisine. The ethnic food guide will impart information on the similarities in recipes, ingredients and traditions, while tour goers sample the appetizing foods of neighborhood bakeries, delis, restaurants and more. It is never the same tour twice! The tour departs at 10:00 am and returns at 2:30 pm. The cost of the tour is $50 for adults and $45 for seniors, students and children. Sampling ethnic delectables takes the place of lunch.

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Pictured: Patrick Biernacki

Student elected as Council President

Oak Lawn resident Patrick Biernacki, a junior at St. Laurence High School, has been elected 2003-2004 Student Council President by the St. Laurence student body.

As president, Biernacki will head up the Council and oversee such activities as the annual Homecoming Week, Winter Spirit Week, Appreciation Days for students and for faculty, special assemblies, council meetings and act as a liaison between the administration and the student body.

Biernacki is a graduate of St. Gerald Grammar School. At St. Laurence, he is a member of the National Honor Society, student assistant of the 2003 Sectional Championship Varsity Basketball Team and a member of the Varsity Golf Team, Letterman's Club and Liturgical Planning Committee.

Biernacki succeeds Thomas Rhoads, another Oak Lawn resident, as President of the Council.

Elvisfest is coming to Ypsilanti

The Depot Town Association is proud to present the fourth annual Michigan Elvisfest, sanctioned by Elvis Presley Enterprises, Inc.

The best Elvis Tribute Artists in North America will be performing their unique and entertaining acts paying tribute to an American Icon. Our performers have appeared on national and international television programs, featured in countless newspapers and magazines and appeared in motion pictures.

This unique and popular Midwest Festival attracts visitors from throughout North America and promises to be fun for fans, friends and family.

The Elvisfest will be on Friday, July 11th from 5:00 pm to midnight and on Saturday, July 12, from 10:00 am to midnight at the Riverside Park, Depot Town, Ypsilanti in Michigan. (Take I-94 10 miles west of I-275 and 5 miles east of US 23 to exit 183. Go north and follow signs). The cost will be $7 (buy at the gate). 10 and under are free. All proceeds go to charity.

Photos and additional information are available on our web site at www.mielvisfest.org.

De La Salle makes the following announcements

Historic graduation took place

Another significant milestone was added to the rich 114 year history of De La Salle Institute when 59 young women received their diplomas from the Institute on May 28, 2003. Commencement Exercises and the Baccalaureate Mass were held at Old St. Mary's Church, located at 1500 S. Michigan Ave. The church was filled with the graduates' families and friends as well as De La Salle faculty, staff and board members.

The Baccalaureate Mass Celebrant was the Most Reverend Gustavo Garcia-Siller, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago for Vicariate V, who was installed as one of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Auxiliary Bishops on May 16.

The Master of Ceremonies was West Campus Associate Principal for Academics Diane Brown. Brother Michael Quirk, FSC, President of De La Salle Insitute, gave the Welcoming Address. Before the conferral of diplomas, Maria L. Arreguin gave the Salutatory Address. Next, Bishop Garcia-Siller blessed the diplomas and then Sr. Josita Krzeminski, SSJ-TOSF, West Campus Associate Principal for Operations and Brother Michael Quirk conferred the diplomas to the 59 graduates. The Valedictory Address was offered by Amanda L. Vasquez and Mr. James Krygier, Principal of De La Salle Institute, presented the Closing Remarks.

De La Salle honors three Korean War veterans at commencement exercise

De La Salle Institute held its 108th Annual commencement Exercise on May 29, 1003 at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago.

One of the highlights of the evening occurred when Martin DeWan, Robert McDonald and Steven Pelehowski, who left De La Salle during their junior years to enlist in the United States military during the Korean War, were given their diplomas and recognized officially as members of De La Salle's Class of 1956. DeWan and McDonald attended the ceremony, while Pelehowski was absent because of health reasons.

Thanks to a bill signed two years ago by the Illinois Legislature, individuals who left high school to enter the service before graduating, but earned General Educational Development degrees while in the military, are awarded their high school diplomas.

De La Salle would like to congratulate each of these honorable men who willingly served their country in such a heroic, selfless manner and for being such exemplary members of the De La Salle family.

Club holds garden walk

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold it's annual Garden Walk on July 13th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. There will be five gardens to view.

One garden is a country garden, has a pond and trellis with vines. It placed 3rd last year in the Beautiful Yard contest. Another portrays a nautical setting with a large pond, evergreen firs and a canoe. In addition there are many bowling ball designs and woods surrounding them. A patriotic garden is certainly a standout with red, white and blue decor, a gazebo and berm, plus rainbow colored flowers. There are two corner gardens, one very colorful and the other including a fountain, gazebo and coach lights.

Tickets are available for this self guided tour for $5.00 each.

For further information, call 708-424-4846 or 708-425-3609.

Pictured from L. to R.: Kathryn Wexelberg, RN: manager of Christ Medical Center's EMS Academy Nancy Pasieta, RN; Bill Schreiber, EMT-P; Emergency Department nurses Carleen Kaucky, RN, Patti Gomez, RN and Barb Scheffler, RN and Bob Murphy, EMT-P.

Local first responders celebrate at Advocate Christ Medical Center

Firefighters, paramedics and other first responders joined with staff from the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Academy at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn to celebrate National Emergency Medical Services Week, May 19 - 23. Each year, Christ Medical Center's EMS Academy trains more than 220 professionals in emergency medical technician basic and paramedic training. For the third consecutive year, Palos Park firefighter and EMS Academy graduate Bob Murphy donated a pig roast for the festivities. Murphy lives in Blue Island and is executive director of Murphy Petroleum Corporation in Orland Park.

Moraine Valley offers meeting planner certificate program

Moraine Valley Community College now offers a certificate program in meeting planning. The program will prepare students for careers in the meeting and special events industry by teaching them to successfully plan and execute meetings, seminars, expositions, conventions and special events.

The program, which requires 30 credit hours, builds off existing Travel Business Management courses. Existing courses included in the new curriculum are Introduction to Travel Planning, Client Communications and Destination Planning of North America.

The curriculum will also include two new courses, Fundamentals of Meeting Planning and Special Event Management. Special Event Management, a weekend class, will be offered this summer.

The intensive course will meet over two weekends, July 11, 12 and 13 and July 24, 25 and 26. Classes will meet on Fridays from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Fundamentals of Meeting Planning; another weekend class, will be offered this fall. The intensive class will meet over two weekends, Oct. 31, Nov. 1 and 2 and Nov. 14, 15 and 16. Classes will meet on Fridays from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Other required courses in the program curriculum include Introduction to Business, Business Mathematics, Composition I, Speech Fundamentals, Introduction to PC Applications and Keyboarding I.

For more information, call Walsh at (708) 974-5227 or e-mail her at walsh@morainevalley.edu. For news media inquiries, call Marianne Naughton, public relations specialist, at (708) 974-5281 or e-mail her at naughton@morainevalley.edu

Girl Scouts are offering day camp

For girls entering grades 5 through 9, Day Camp will be held the week of July 7 - 11 from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm daily at the Zion Lutheran Church, located at 5865 Archer, Summit. The cost for the week is $50 and financial aid is available. You do not have to be a current Girl Scout to attend.

The week will focus on activities such as woodworking, photography and science.

On Wednesday, we will be taking a bus to our camp in Sheridan, IL, for an overnight stay, stopping at the Ottawa Scouting Museum on the way homeon Thursday.

Call Sandy Cervenka at Girl Scouts of Whispering Oaks at 708-354-4855 Ext 26 to register.

Palos Community Hospital announces following program

Fist Aid for Little People

Do your children know how to help themselves or someone else in an emergency?

Prepare children in kindergarten through third grade by enrolling them in the American Red Cross class, "First Aid for Little People" at Palos Community Hospital from 3:00 pm top 4:30 pm, July 7, or Thursday, July 17.

Topics covered include bleeding and infections, how to keep safe during a fire, what a substances are poisonous and what to do until help arrives. Cost per child is $7.50.

To register your child, call (708) 923-5759, Monday through Friday, 2:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Palos Community Hospital is located at 12251 S. 80th Avenue in Palos Heights.

Military announces

Navy Ensign Kevin D. Dolton, son of Maureen T. Dolton and David A. Dolton of Evergreen Park, IL, recently graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, and was commissioned to his current rank in the United States Navy.

Dolton is a 1999 graduate of Brother Rice School of Chicago.

A call for spiritual poems from Oak Lawn

A $1,000.00 grand prize is being offered in special religious poetry contest sponsored by the New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to anyone who has ever written a poem. There are 50 prizes in all totaling almost $5,000.00.

The deadline for entering is July 14, 2003. To enter send one poem only 21 lines or less to : Free Poetry Contest, 103 N. Wood Ave., PMB 70, Linden, NJ 07036. Or enter on-line at www.rainbowpoets.com. "We think great spiritual poems can inspire achievement," says Frederick Young, the organization's Contest Director. "Our desire is to inspire amateur poets and we think this competition will accomplish that. Illinois has produced many wonderful poets over the years and we'd like to discover new ones from the Oak Lawn area."

Bulls Basketball School is coming to Alsip

The Bulls Basketball Schools are week long camps that teach the fundamentals of basketball to kids ages 6-14.

In each camp, boys and girls are divided into Rookie camps for players ages 6-8 and Veteran camps for players between the ages of 9 and 14. Cost for the camps is $195 and along with a week of quality instruction players will also receive at Bulls gym bag, basketball, t-shirt and reversible jersey. The Bulls Basketball Schools open on July 21 at Apollo Recreation Center in Alsip, July 28 at Palos Hills Community Center and August 11 at the Oak Law Pavilion.

For a complete list of sites and dates, call (630) PLAYBALL or send an e-mail to info@BullsSox Academy. com to request our summer Brochure or visit BullsSoxAcademy.com.

You'll also be able to check the dates and sites for the White Sox Training Centers baseball and fastpitch softball camps. The white Sox Training Centers and the Bulls Basketball Schools are operated by the Bulls White Sox Training Academy in Lisle.

Student graduates State University

Paul Madsen from Oak Lawn, IL., graduated from Central Missouri State University May 10 with a Master of Science degree.

More than 1,000 students met their graduation requirements and were eligible to participate in the ceremonies.

Founded in 1871, Central is a comprehensive regional university which offers more than 150 undergraduate and graduate programs for its approximately 11,000 students.

Pictured from R. to L.: Matt Styrcula, Clare Winer and friends Phil Egan and Tom Koegel.

Boy Scout donates gifts for patients at Advocate Hope Children's Hospital

Fourteen year old Matt Styrcula of Oak Lawn just created hundreds of smiles. A member of the Boy Scouts, Styrcula completed his Eagle service project by donating more than 400 toys and gifts to the children at Advocate Hope Children's Hospital. After working carefully with the hospital's Child Life and Family Services manager Clare Winer, Styrcula designed his project to collect the kinds of toys that were most appropriate and most needed for the hospital's young patients. The items, which filled five huge boxes, included baby toys and rattles, movies, puzzles, games and crayons.

Pictured: Kevin Barsaloux, 7th grade student

Student receives high honors on ACT

Kevin Barsaloux, a seventh grade student at St. Bernadette School, Evergreen Park, was honored at Illinois State University on Sunday, June 1, for achieving the highest level of distinction as a top scorer on the 2003 ACT, among the most able sixth, seventh and eighth grade students in the state of Illinois.

The ceremony was held at the Bone Student Center at Illinois State University in Normal where Paula Olszewski-Kubilius, director of the Center for Talent Development at Northwestern University, presented the awards.

Approximately 200 Illinois students were honored by the Midwest Talent Search which identifies academically talented students.

Also, Kevin has been invited to attend an additional ceremony next weekend at Northwestern University in Evanston which will honor only the highest score recipients.

Kevin attends St. Bernadette School and will be in eighth grade in fall 2003. His intention is to attend Notre Dame University upon graduation from high school. Kevin is the son of Susan Barsaloux, Evergreen Park.

Announcing graduation candidates

Jack Canfield, founder and co-creator of the best selling "Chicken Soup for the soul" book series, gave the spring commencement address at 3:00 pm. Sunday May 11, at The Mark of the Quad Cities in Moline, IL.

St. Amborse University, Davenport, Iowa, founded in 1882, is a liberal arts university affiliated with the Roman Catholic church.

The St. Ambrose mission is to enable students to develop intellectually, spiritually, ethically, socially, artistically and physically to enrich their own lives and the lives of others.

Visit www.sau.edu graduation 2003 spring info to learn more about St. Ambrose Commencement.

Little Company of Mary announces golf outing

The community is invited to an afternoon of golf in support of Maternity Services and the Pediatric Emergency Reception Area at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers.

The Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation will host its fourth annual golf outing at Green Garden Country Club in Frankfort on Friday, September 5.

This year's event is chaired by Jim Galbraith, Sheila Lowry Yakutis and Larry Yakutis.

The day begins with registration from 10:00 am until noon. A putting contest will also begin at 10:00 am. A buffet lunch will be held at 11:00 am, followed by a noon Shotgun Start for golf. The day ends with cocktails at 5:00 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm.

Tickets are $160 each or $600 per foursome, or $60 for dinner only. Hole sponsorships are $250 each and exclusive hole sponsorships (limited to 10 holes) cost $1,000.

For details, please call the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation at (708) 229-5066.

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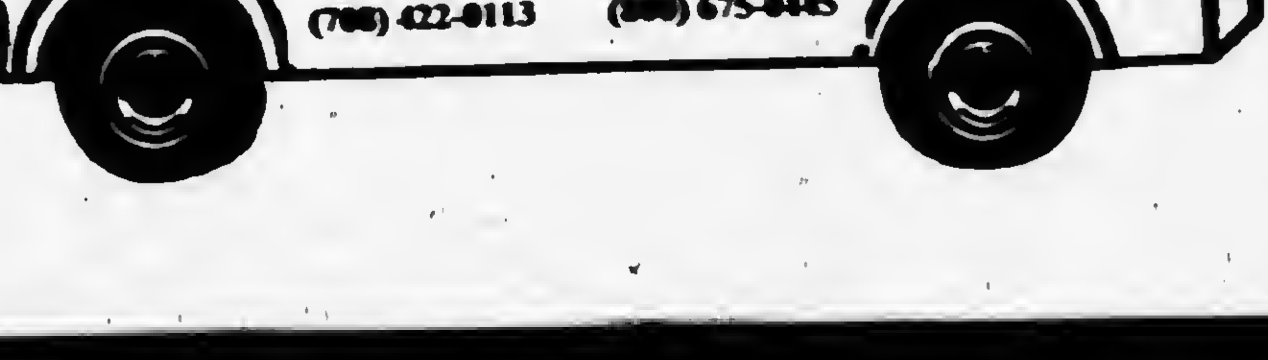

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Pictured from L.: Alumni Director Baseball Coach Michael Zunica ; Alumni Assoc. Vice-President Nicholas Calarco '73; President Robert Gallagher '83; Man of Year recipient Richard Hochgraver '71; St. Rita President Principal Fr. Thomas McCarthy, OSA '83; Banquet Chairman Dennis Lucas '66; Secretary William Lynch '91.

St. Rita selects Man of the Year

The St. Rita High School Alumni Association presented retiring Association President Richard Hochgraver (Chicago – Beverly) with the "Man of the Year Award" last month at their annual Alumni Banquet at the Martinique Restaurant in Evergreen Park.

Hochgraver, a St. Rita graduate from the class of 1971, has been president of the Alumni Association for the past eighteen years and has volunteered thousands of hours sponsoring alumni events and fund-raisers that benefit the school. Mr. Hochgraver will remain on the Alumni Association Board and will be chairman of the Alumni Banquet Committee next year.

The following St. Rita alumni also received awards at the St. Rita Alumni Banquet: Loyalty Awards: St. Rita teacher Stan Kastelic ' 78 (Chicago - Scottsdale); Roger Paris '64 (Summit); John Vaci '71 (Evergreen Park). Alumni Athletic Awards: Michael Porrevecchio ' 70 (Chicago – Scottsdale); Marty Strocchia ' 78 (Oak Lawn); Jack Witry ' 53 (Sacramento, CA). Honorary Alumni Awards: St. Rita Engineer James Gaylord (Chicago 0- Bridgeport); James Lawlor (Chicago – Garfield Ridge); St. Rita Recruiting Director Michael Murtagh (LaGrange).

Pictured from L.: Award recipient Ryan Egan; Activities Director Br. Jack Hibbard, OSA; award recipient Michael Kisicki.

St. Rita selects Teachers of the Year

Each year St. Rita High School, the student body casts votes for the Teacher of the Year Award at the conclusion of their annual Pride Week activities. This year's selections resulted in a tie between 28 year veteran Dr. Michael Kisicki (Oak Lawn) and first year teacher Mr. Ryan Egan (Plainfield). Dr. Kisicki is a St. Rita graduate from the class of '69 and has received the Teacher of the Year Award number of times during his 28 years at his alma mater. Dr. "K", as he is called by his students, is an English teacher. Mr. Egan teaches Physical Science and was an assistant wrestling coach for this year's state championship team.

Commissioning of City of De La Salle West Campus took place

The Commissioning of the 2003/04 City of De La Salle West Campus Officials took place during the Founder's Day Mass held on May 15 at the De La Salle Institute Main Campus Parmer Activity Center.

The City of De La Salle is the official title of the student council. Members of the executive board are elected by the entire student body annually in May and consist of a Mayor, Deputy Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer. Students must attain a 2.5 G.P.A. in order to be elected to the board; division commissioners and aldermen need to attain a 2.0 G.P.A.

The West Campus City of De La Salle Executive Board includes Mayor Erika Cervantes '04 (McKinley Park), Deputy Mayor Monique Turner '04 (Englewood), City Clerk Angela Gaggiano '05 (Bridgeport) and Treasurer Melanie Solis '05 (Bridgeport). Other officials elected were Senior Commissioner Reinayvette Aranda (Little Village), Junior Commissioner Ashley Novoa (Pilsen) and Sophomore Commissioner Stephanie Brennan (Garfield Ridge).

Scholarship awarded

Adam Weis, of 10834 Major, Chicago Ridge, IL., was awarded the William McKnight, Jr. Scholarship at the Department of Technology Spring Awards Banquet on May 1, 2003.

Adam is a Technology Education student in the Department of Technology at Illinois State University.

The William McKnight, Jr. Scholarship recognizes superior academic performance and demonstrated leadership in the areas of service to the technology Department, community service, outstanding internship or research contribution and participation in student chapters of professional organizations.

Seeking nominations for small business awards

Moraine Valley Community College's Economic Development Council for the Southwest Suburbs (EDCSS) is seeking nominations for its 9th annual Small Business Awards Program.

The goal of this program is to recognize the valuable contribution small businesses and their advocates make to the economic development of Chicago's southwest suburbs.

Nominations are being accepted for awards in five categories: Small Business Person of the Year, Government Contractor of the Year (Federal, State of Local); Business Advocate of the Year; Entrepreneur of the Year and the Training Excellence Award.

The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, August 1. All winners will be honored at a luncheon at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park on Wednesday, October 29.

For more information or to receive a nomination packet, call Carol Malma at 708-974-5714 or e-mail malma@morainevalley.edu.

Local students to examine american leadership

Miss Elizabeth Brooks and Miss Erin Moeller, both students of Saint Paul Lutheran Church and School, Oak Lawn, have been selected to attend the Junior National Young Leaders Conference (JrNYLC) from July 12 to July 17, 2003 in Washington, D.C.

JrNYLC is a unique leadership development program for middle school students.

The conference, themed "The Legacy of American Leadership", introduces young people to the rich tradition of leadership throughout American history, while helping them develop their own leadership skills.

Brooks and Moeller will participate in educational activities and presentations led by individuals in position of leadership. Students will also visit historic national landmarks, including Colonial Williamsburg, from which our country took shape.

In addition to examining notable U.S. Leaders and Historic figures, Brooks and Moeller will study the impact of leadership throughout critical periods of American history, including the Civil War and Reconstruction, World War II, the great Depression and the Civil Rights Movement.

Upon completion of JrNYLC, students will take home a greater understanding of the role of the individual American democracy, as well as the responsibilities of being a leader.

CYLC is a nonprofit educational organization Founded in 1985, it is committed to fostering and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential.

More than 400 members of the U.S. Congress join this commitment by serving on the CYLC Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors.

In addition, more than 25 embassies participate in the Council's Honorary Board of Embassies.

Green Hills Library announces

The Board of Trustees of the Green Hills Public Library, located at 8611 W. 103rd Street, Palos Hills, has cancelled the July 8, 2003 regular meeting and changed the date of the August regular meeting to Tuesday, August 19, at 7:00 pm. Please note the change.

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity Kathywhirity@mailstation.com

SUMMER IS...

A break from rigorous schedules in favor of lazy, carefree days that all seem to blend together in a melodious kind of way.

Organizing family trips to water parks where you can catch some sun while keeping your cool.

After dinner walks for fitness that always end up at the corner ice-cream shop.

Children finally free from the burden of books and homework, in favor of riding bikes, playing baseball, and eating hot dogs at back yard barbecues.

Turning up the air conditioner on hot muggy nights and reaching for the quilt to keep warm.

Young lovers holding hands, dreaming of where their love will take them. Older lovers, looking back on where all the years have taken them, still holding hands.

Young mommies push their little darlings on swings at the park.

Older moms do their best to push their teens in the direction of summer employment.

That time of year when dinner consists of cold pasta dishes and sandwiches served on paper plates as moms everywhere agree — the less mess the better.

A chance to reach the goals you didn't get around to last year because you seemed to just 'run' out of summer.

A reason to kick off your shoes, dance in the sand and act like a kid again, because whether you're 9 or 90, the wisest among us live life knowing you're only as young as you feel.

The number one season when women will vow to forever shed winter's weight while starving to be summer slim, though most will sadly realize that when it comes to weight loss wishes, nothing lasts forever.

The awesome sight of fireworks streaking the 4th of July sky continues to make us proud to be Americans as we remember what it means to be free.

The beauty of flowers that dress up our yards and drown our senses with their sweet and delicate aromatherapy planted in top soil.

The opportunity to visit downtown Chicago like a tourist. With so much to enjoy from Taste of Chicago at Grant park to boat rides at Navy Pier, it's easy to become lost in the many wonders of the Windy City.

Summer is... a great time to be alive!!! HAPPY SUMMER!!!

Dance for Life premieres in Chicago

Tickets for "Dance for Life" go on sale on June 30, 2003. The 12th annual "Dance for Life" performance, to be held September 6, brings together Chicago's finest dance companies to raise funds for the Aids Foundation of Chicago, Test Positive Aware Network and the Dance for Life Fund.

Prior to the performance, VIP guests can enjoy a pre event gala in Navy Pier's Crystal Garden, including a light supper and Absolut Vodka martinis.

Tickets for this extraordinary event sell out almost immediately each year!

Tickets go on Sale on Monday, June 30, 2003. The event will be on September 6, 2003. Gala begins at 5:00 pm and the performance starts at 7:30 pm. Tickets can be ordered by calling 312-922-5812. The ticket price for the performance only is $75; red ribbon circle is $150 (includes performance and gala); red ribbon star: $250 (includes performance, gala and parking); red ribbon diamond is $500 (includes performance, gala and parking)

The event will take place at Navy Pier, located at 600 E. Grand Ave., Chicago, IL. The Gala reception will be held at the Crystal Garden and the performance at the Skyline stage.

"Dance for Life" is hosted by Dean Richards of WGN Radio and Television.

Willowbrook Ballroom offers dance classes

Week of July 7-13

Monday, July 7, Country and Western Dance: Admission is $6, lessons take place from 7:30-9:30 pm., C&W dancing continues from 9:30-10:30 pm. Willowbrook also offers a $55 C&W monthly pass. Jeans and boots are welcome.

Tuesday, July 8, Country and Western Dance: Admission is $6, lessons take place from 7:30-9:30 pm, C&W dancing continues from 9:30-10:30 pm. Jeans and boots are welcome.

Wednesday, July 9, Salsa Night: Admission is $7. Beginners' salsa lessons are from 7:30-8:30 pm; intermediate/advanced lessons are from 8:15-8:45 pm and open dancing continues from 8:45-11:00 pm. No jeans or gym shoes please.

Friday, July 11, Country Western Dance: Admission is $8, lessons take place from 7:30-8:00 pm followed by open dance to midnight. Jeans and boots are welcome.

Sunday, July 13, Afternoon Ballroom Dance: Admission is $12. "The Weiss Brothers" will provide live ballroom tunes from 2:00-5:30 pm. Proper attire is required. No jeans or gym shoes please.

Sunday, July 13, Night Swing Dance: Admission is $7. "Jumpin' Jivin' D.J." music will be provided.

Basic swing lessons are from 7:30-8:30 pm, followed by open dance to 11:30 pm. Dancers are encouraged to attend in vintage attire. No jeans or gym shoes please.

Willowbrook Ballroom is located at 8900 S. Archer Ave. in Willow Springs. Singles and couples of all ages are invited.

For more information, please call (708) 839-1000, or visit www.willowbrookballroom.com.

Week of July 14-20

Monday, July 14, Country and Western Dance: Admission is $6, lessons take place from 7:30-9:30 pm. C&W dancing continues from 9:30-10:30 pm. Willowbrook offers a $55 C&W monthly pass. Jeans and boots are welcome.

Tuesday, July 15, Country and Western Dance: Admission is $6, lessons take place from 7:30-9:30 pm. C&W dancing continues from 9:30-10:30 pm. Jeans and boots are welcome.

Wednesday, July 16, Salsa Night: Admission is $7. Beginners' salsa lessons are from 7:30-8:30 pm; intermediate/advanced lessons from 8:15-8:45 pm followed by open dance to 11:00 pm. No jeans or gym shoes please.

Friday, July 18, Singles Dance: Admission is $7. Willowbrook's own D.J. spins the latest hits from 7:30 pm-midnight. Dancers are encouraged to wear proper attire. No jeans or gym shoes please.

Sunday, July 20, Afternoon Ballroom Dance: Admission is $12. "The Teddy Lee Orchestra" will provide live ballroom tunes from 2:00-5:30 pm. Proper attire is required. No jeans or gym shoes please.

Sunday, July 20, Night Swing Dance: Admission is $7. "Jumpin' Jivin' D.J." music will be provided. Basic swing lessons are from 7:30-8:30 pm followed by open dance to 11:30 pm. Dancers are encouraged to attend in vintage attire. No jeans or gym shoes please.

Willowbrook Ballroom is located at 8900 S. Archer Ave. Singles and couples of all ages are invited.

For more information, please call (708) 839-1000, or visit www.willowbrookballroom.com.

Elvisfest is coming to Ypsilanti

The Depot Town Association is proud to present the fourth annual Michigan Elvisfest, sanctioned by Elvis Presley Enterprises, Inc.

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The Elvisfest will be on Friday, July 11th from 5:00 pm to midnight and on Saturday, July 12, from 10:00 am to midnight at the Riverside Park, Depot Town, Ypsilanti in Michigan. (Take I-94 10 miles west of I-275 and 5 miles east of US-23 to exit 183. Go north and follow signs.) The cost will be $7 (buy at the gate). 10 and under are free. All proceeds go to charity.

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***Water Signs**: This may be a good month for you to fix up the home of yours and make it what you feel most comfortable living in. You could get guests from out of town or who simply need refuge from someone they are trying to get away from. Whatever is happening, if you can help, help! If not, say so at the first chance you can get. Your health should improve and money comes when needed. Pay attention to your love life too. B., T. and someone L or N all involved.

***Earth Signs**: You simply cannot make a mistake in selling of [illegible], especially if dealing with family members who are usually difficult to deal with. This is a month to set new budgets and stick to them, to make real estate decisions (buying or selling) and above all else, make a commitment to yourself to speak up for your own needs. N or W involved and a Gemini or Virgo too.

***Fire Signs**: Put those finishing touches on things unfinished and get on with your plans for some fun in the Sun and with people you choose to be with. Some of you might opt to take a vacation with a lover and really do things up right (dinner, dancing, exploring or swimming). You deserve some R&R! R and J involved. You may be getting some [illegible] legal matters in your favor.

***Air Signs**: Many of you are seeing and doing as usual. This is a month to focus on your love life and more! You seem to know when to do things and when to leave them alone. [illegible] it works for you. Some of you discover [illegible] you might not have known about. Libra, Gemini and Aquarius then discover they are [illegible]. [illegible] month for most Air Signs. Still, money comes, health improves and some find Soul Mates. H and D involved.

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Evergreen Park student receives award

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Bingo 6 PM- 10 PM
Friday July 4,
1 PM to 12 Midnight
Pony rides with Petting Zoo 1 PM-5 PM
Craft Fair 1 PM- 4:30 PM
Face Painting & Temporary Tattoo
1 PM- 5 PM
FIREWORKS 9:15 PM
Saturday July 5,
1 PM- 12 Midnight
Bean Bag Tournament 2 PM
Bingo 6 PM- 10 PM
Pony Rides with Petting Zoo
1 PM- 5 PM
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Friday July 4:
Face Painting and Temporary Tattoo 1 PM- 5 PM
Playground Pals 3:30 PM- 4 PM
Eddie Baldwin Magic Show 4 PM
DJ- Pit Stereo Plays playing all your Favorites 6 PM- 10 PM
Saturday July 5:
Face Painting and Temporary Tattoo 1 PM- 5 PM
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(one coupon per customer)

Antiques & Collectables

by Anita Gold

Reward Posters Wanted by Collectors

Q. How can I tell the difference between genuine reward posters and reproduced copies or fakes? Diane Roberts, Virginia Beach, VA

A. Use a magnifying glass to detect small print (usually found somewhere along the edge or margin) that may reveal the name of a company or advertising firm which put out the piece as a promotional gimmick to promote a product, record, album, movie, book, or some other item. Then too, beware of reproduced reward-wanted posters picturing notorious bad-men of the wild west (printed on sienna-tinted parchment or heavy stock paper) as well as infamous gangsters (printed on lightweight white cardboard or on the type of paper they originally were pictured on) mug-faced ones that are sold as souvenirs in museum, novelty, and gift shops. If you pay a substantial sum for what's being sold to you as an original example, make sure you ask for a written and signed receipt stating so, or your money will be refunded if you can prove the poster is an imposter. It's a good idea to see and study original reward or wanted posters on exhibit in police museums or at shows or shops, which deal or specialize in paper-tiques. But keep in mind that for the most part, all those portraying the most prominent criminals have been copiously reproduced and can be purchased for a few bucks unframed. Although Al Capone's face is easy to recognize unless you're living on another planet, many notorious gangsters are not, and therefore it's a good idea to study their faces and features in photos pictured in books found in libraries and book shops.

Q. Where can we find unusual Arts & Crafts furniture and accessories to furnish an Arts and Crafts style house built in the 1920s, we recently bought? Brenda Phillips, Berwyn, IL

A. You'll find a large and lovely selection of the most fabulous and hard-to-find pieces for every room in the house; you'll fall madly in love with at the upcoming 20th Century Art & Design Auction on May 4th, 2003 in three sessions including Arts & Crafts Session One at 10 a.m., American & European Paintings Session Two at 2:30 p.m., and 1950s/Modern Session Three at 4:30 p.m. at The John Toomey Gallery, 818 North Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60301, which offers a gorgeous full-color 186-page catalog for $35 you can order by calling John Toomey Gallery at 708-383-5234, or to see the items on which you may place absentee and phone bids by calling Anne Dickinson at 708-383-5234, visit Treadway Internet at http://www.treadwaygallery.com

Q. My stepfather gave me a Civil War rifle in the late 1960's that I've had ever since. How can I find out its approximate value, as I'm interested in selling it but have no idea of its worth? The rifle is marked with the serial number 6578, which appears on the top, and on the breech block, whereas a patent number on the rear face of the breech block is stamped B. Joslyn, Patent October 8, 1861 and June 24, 1862. The lock plate says Joslyn Fire Arms Co. of Stonington, Conn., which is located on the side of the gun. I believe it used a 56-56 Spencer rimfire cartridge. The rifle has never been restored and I would say that it's in good condition. Rudy Hendrickson, Ashland, WI

A. According to the "2003 Standard Catalog of FIREARMS - The Collector's Price & Reference Guide - 13th Edition" by Ned Schwing (which lists more than 110,000 accurate prices in six grades of condition for listed firearms, and includes details on 25,000 models, and 6,000 photos), the Joslyn Breechloading Rifle was the first mass-produced, true breechloading cartridge firearm manufactured in a national armory. The actions were supplied by the Joslyn Firearms Company, and the rifles were chambered for the 56-50 rimfire cartridge. This rifle (according to the book) has a 35.5" round barrel and a full-length stock that is held on by three barrel bands. The lock is marked "U.S. Springfield" with 1864 at the back. The barrel is marked "B.F. Joslyn's Patent Oct. 8th, 1861 June 24th, 1862". There were approximately 3,000 of these manufactured circa 1865. They were probably issued to Union forces, but it is unknown if they saw action before the end of the Civil War. The book lists such a rifle in good condition as being worth $2,500. To check it out further, write gun expert and historian Ned Schwing c/o the book's publisher Krause Publications, 700 E. State Street, Iola, WI 54990-0001. Or phone Krause at (800) 258-0929 toll free to order the gigantic 1,384-page book that's available for $38.95 postpaid.

Q. I have many railroad date nails that date from 1918 through the 1940's. They include both round and square-headed examples. How can I find out more about them regarding their history, and value? Can you steer me in the right direction? Paul Morrison, Gary, IN

A. Write Jerry Waits c/o the Texas Date Nail Collectors Association, 501 W. Horton, Brenham, TX 77833-2357. For membership and Nailer News newsletter details, enclose a long self-addressed stamped envelope, or phone 409-830-1495 for information. Such nails measure 1 to 3 inches long, and have dime-size heads marked with a number on top to show the year installed, or the year put into service, being driven into railroad ties, telephone poles, or other wood structures. Date nails are collected by years or sets. Also to check out the book "Date Nails & Railroad Tie Preservation" by Jeff Oaks, write him c/o the Department of Mathematics, University of Indianapolis, 1400 E. Hanna Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227, or phone him at 317-788-3454.

Q. I have some very old comic books that I'm told may have considerable value. How can I find out if they do, and how much they may be worth? Freda Jones, Arcadia, OK

A. Write me Anita Gold, P.O. Box 597401, Chicago, IL 60659. Enclose a list of the comics, stating the title, number, date, and anything else that's on the cover of each one along with an accurate description of each book's condition, which is most important regarding the value, and include a self-addressed stamped envelope for a reply, or evaluation.

Write Anita Gold, P.O. Box 597401, Chicago, IL 60659; enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Richard G. Anderson named Vice President

Evergreen Community Bank, a locally owned and operated full-service bank with more than $70 million in assets, has named Richard (Dick) G. Anderson to the newly created position of vice president, new business development.

Anderson will be responsible for extending the reach of the bank's full range of personal and business products and services to individuals and families in the community, as well as to business and commercial customers within and outside of the immediate south suburban community. He joins a strong management team of dedicated and experienced banking professionals.

"Dick is an accomplished executive with 34 years of experience and a track record of success at both single-location community banks and multi-branch national banks," says John A. Camphouse, the bank's president. "His expertise in business development, banking operations, lending and sales management will be a tremendous asset and will enhance our already proven ability to understand, anticipate and meet the needs of our growing base of customers."

Anderson most recently was with American National Bank, Chicago, and previously served in a variety of positions at United Savings of America, Highland Community Bank, Unity/Talman Home Savings, and The Northern Trust. He holds a BA in management and marketing from Roosevelt University and is a graduate of the Cannon Trust School. He resides in Chicago with his wife and son.

Evergreen Community Bank, located at 3842 West 95th Street in Evergreen Park, Illinois, is a full-service bank with a complete range of value-added personal and business products and services. The bank's mission is to bring community banking and service back to the community. Locally owned and operated, Evergreen Community Bank currently has more than $70 million in assets.

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Beverly Arts Center presents Jazz Pie

What do you get when you mix the critically acclaimed musical, dance and visual excitement of the Cerqua Rivera Art Experience (CRAE) with the legendary jazz of virtuoso violinist Johnny Frigo, the sophisticated sound of jazz trumpeter Orbert Davis and the always unpredictable, always entertaining wild energy of Corky Siegel's harmonica?

You get "Jazz Pie", a moving musical slice of America, a combustible combination of contemporary jazz dance and a live orchestra performing on stage against a backdrop of original art created by Matt Lamb and other visual artists. "Jazz Pie" makes its world premiere at the Beverly Arts Center of Chicago, located at 2407 W. 111th St., on Saturday July 12, at 8:00 pm and Sunday July 13, at 2:00 pm. (Free parking)

"Jazz Pie" is the brainchild of acclaimed (ten Jeff Award nominations and citations, three After Dark Awards) composer, vocalist and CRAE Co-Artistic Director Joe Cerqua, whose strong reputation and body of work has made it possible to elicit the involvement of renowned Chicago musical figures Orbert Davis, Johnny Frigo and Corky Siegel. (Note: Corky Siegel performs Saturday only. Joe Cerqua, Dan Hesler and Mike Levin handling his vocals and music on Sunday.)

This new production will feature six world premieres: Orbert Davis' new arrangement of "Softly as in a Morning Sunrise"; Johnny Frigo's jazz classic "Detour Ahead"; Corky Siegel's "South West Coast Blues"; Joe Cerqua's "Untitled"; Orbert Davis' arrangement of "April in Paris" and "Let's do it".

In conjunction with "Jazz Pie", the BAC Art Gallery will present an exhibition of Matt Lamb's work.

The Matt Lamb exhibition opens the same day as "Jazz Pie" premieres (Saturday July 12) with an Opening Reception from 5-7 pm. The exhibition runs through August 10.

Tickets are $30 for adults and $20 for children under 12 and under. Tickets for the Saturday evening performance plus After Party with the cast are $40 for adults (Cash bar) and $30 for children 12 and under.

For tickets and information, call the BAC box office at 773-445-3838.

Center of Performing Arts sponsors 4th annual theatre camp

Children from all over the south suburbs will work with Child's Play Professional Touring Theater of Chicago to create and present an original play at The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University.

On August 1, 2003 at 10:00 am, 50 local kids from southland park districts will present "Dragons Don't sing Opera," an original work written by the kids during the week before the show and performed with the actors from Child's Play.

Kids from park districts in Homewood-Flossmoor, Tinley Park, Frankfort, Matteson, Crete, Alsip and Oak Forest will spend the entire week writing and rehearsing for their performance on the 1st.

"Dragons Don't sing Opera" will perform at The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University on Friday, August 1, 2003 at 10:00 am. Tickets are $6.00.

For tickets information call 708-235-2222 or visit www.govst.edu/center. Group rates are available for parties of 20 or more. The Center is located at Governors Highway and University Parkway, off I-57 at Sauk Trail. Parking is free.

Pictured: David Girolmo and Catherine Lord in "Kiss Me, Kate"

Drury Lane presents Kiss Me, Kate

The fiesty musical comedy "Kiss Me, Kate" will play at Drury Lane Oakbrook from June 4 until August 10, 2003, marking the second show of the 2003-2004 season.

This witty musical was a tremendous success when it opened in 1948, winning the first ever Best Musical Tony Award, as well as the Best Musical Revival in 2000. "Kiss Me, Kate" has music and lyrics by Cole Porter with a book by Sam Spewack and Bella Cohen. Drury Lane Oakbrook's artistic director, Ray Frewen, will direct.

Performances are scheduled as follows: Wednesday at 8:00 pm; Thursday at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm; Friday at 8:30 pm; Saturday at 5:30 and 9:00 pm; Sunday at 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm. Tickets are for show-only ranging from $19 to $25 (depending of the day of the week). Dinner and Theatre Packages starting at $38.75.

Tickets are available during Box Office hours from Monday through Tuesday from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Wednesday through Saturday from 9:00 am - 8:00 pm and Sunday from 11:00 am - 7:00 pm.

Reservations can be made by calling (630) 530-0111, all major credit cards accepted. Free Parking. Handicap accessible.

For more information visit our website at www.drurylaneoakbrook.com

Shakespeare Theatre presents Little Mermaid

Pictured: Johanna McKenzie Miller and Michael Lindner in "Little Mermaid"

Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier presents a family musical "Little Mermaid" June 14 through August 17, 2003, as part of the LaSalle Bank Family Festival of Plays. Melody, the Little Mermaid (Johanna McKenzie Miller) celebrates her coming of age birthday with a gift of tails from her father, King Poseidon (Michael Lindner).

For further information and to purchase tickets, call the Chicago Shakespeare Theater Box Office at 312-595-5600 or visit the Theater's website at www.chicagoshakes.com.

The Fireside announces its 2004 theatre season

The Fireside Dinner Theatre is proud to announce its 27th season of professional theatre. Since 1978, the Fireside has been presenting Broadway's greatest hits along with spectacular musical revues from a variety of cultures as well as their annual presentation of "A Fireside Christmas."

The 2004 Season begins December 26, 2003 with the world's most romantic musical comedy, "I do! I do!" This delightful story of a 50 year marriage takes bride and groom from wedding night to Golden Anniversary through the entertaining ups and downs of marriage.

Opening February 26th it's the hilarious adaptation of Damon Runyan's beloved stories of Broadway, "Guys and Dolls", filled with colorful characters right off the streets of New York.

On May 6th the Sunday papers come alive with America's favorite cartoon sweetheart in one of the most popular show of the century "Annie". Winner of seven Tony Awards, this is a great opportunity to introduce all the children in your life to Little Orphan Annie and the magic of live theatre.

Summer brings the return of our first and one of our favorite shows, Rodgers & Hammerstein's Pulitzer Prize winning musical "South Pacific" is a story of love, heroism, courage, optimism and America.

October 7th marks the start of the holiday season at The Fireside, where tradition is alive and well. "A Fireside Christmas" has become a cherished tradition for so many families and the 2004 Season brings the 12th Annual tribute to the most joyous holidays of them all.

The Fireside is located on Business Hwy. 26 on the south side of Fort Atkinson and includes several gift shops with an extensive selection of unique merchandise including many popular collectible lines and gifts for all ages and occasions. Shows are performed nine times weekly Wednesday through Sunday with ten shows weekly for A Fireside Christmas. Dining is required for all performances with a variety of menu choices depending upon when you attend.

For tickets or additional information, call 1-800-477-9505, or write to The Fireside at P.O. Box 7, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538, or visit www.firesidetheatre.com.

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Center of Performing Arts announces 2003/04 season

The Center of Performing Arts at Governors State University announces its 2003-2004 season performances. The Smothers Brothers, Vicki Lawrence and Mama, "Whose Line is it Anyway" and Dianne Reeves are some of the highlights from The Center's ninth season. The Center will continue to offer its Saturday morning "Especially for Kids" series with shows including "Ralph's World, Cinderella: The Musical, Corduroy and The Little Engine That Could." Season ticket information for the Center is available at 708-235-2222.

Feature presentations:

"**The Smothers Brothers**" on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 8:00 pm. Tickets are $54/$49/$45. The post-show party with the Brothers will be an additional $50.

Chicago Shakespeare Theater presents "**Romeo and Juliet**" on Friday, Oct. 10 at 8:00 pm. Tickets are $33/$26/$22. For children 16 and under $26/$21/$17.

"**Maynard Ferguson**" on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 8:00 pm. Tickets are $42/$37/$33.

An Evening with Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood of "**Whose Line is it anyway?**" on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 8:00 pm. Tickets are $44/$39/$35.

"**B's Soul Jam**" on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 8:00 pm. Tickets are $44/$39/$35.

"**The Magic of Christmas**" featuring Terry Evanswood on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 8:00 pm. Tickets are $33/$28/$24. Children 16 and under are $28/$23/$19.

"**The Nutcracker**" on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 1:00 and 5:00 pm. Tickets are $34/$29/$25. Children 16 and under are $29/$24/$20. Sugar Plum Party at 3:00 and 4:00 pm cost $9.

National Russian Ballet presents "**Swan Lake**" on Sunday, Jan 11 at 5:00 pm. Tickets are $44/$39/$35. Children 16 and under are $39/$34/$30.

"**This Song American Life**" on Saturday, Jan 17 at 8:00 pm. Tickets are $29/$24/$20.

"**American English**" on Saturday, Jan 24 at 8:00 pm. Tickets are $34/$29/$25.

Teatro Lirico D'Europa presents "**La Traviata**" on Sunday, Feb. 8 at 4:00 pm. Tickets are $34/$29/$25.

"**Preservation Hall Jazz Band**" on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 8:00 pm. Tickets are $38/$33/$29.

Vicki Lawrence & Mama: "**A Two Woman Show**" on Saturday Feb. 28 at 8:00 pm. Tickets are $52/$47/$43.

"**Gaelic Storm**" on Saturday, Mar. 6 at 8:00 pm. Tickets are $34/$29/$25.

"**Freemen of Color**" on Sunday Mar. 7 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are $29/$24/$20.

"**Joffrey Ballet of Chicago**" on Saturday, Apr. 17 at 8:00 pm. Tickets are $44/$39/$35.

"**Club Swing - Swing Music of the 1940's**" on Sunday Apr. 25 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are $38/$33/$29.

"**Forever Plaid**" on Saturday, May 8 and Sunday, May 9 at 3:00 and 8:00 pm. Tickets are $37/$32/$28. Children 16 and under Sunday only $32/$27/$23. Mother's Day Brunch at 1:00 pm, Sunday only $25. Children $22.

"**Dianne Reeves**" on Saturday, May 22 at 8:00 pm. Tickets are $43/$38/$34.

Especially for Kids is a special Saturday morning series of performances designed to bring the entire family. Group rates and party rooms are available through the The Center box office at (708) 235-2222.

"**Ralph's World**" on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 11:00 am. Tickets are $9.

"**A Christmas Carol**" on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 11:00 am. Tickets are $8.

"**Cinderella: A Musical**" on Saturday, Jan. 31 at 11:00 am. Tickets are $8.

"**Corduroy**" on Saturday, Feb. 28 at 11:00 am. Tickets are $8.

"**The Little Engine That Could**" on Saturday, May 1 at 11:00 am. Tickets are $8.

Performances take place at The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University. For tickets or more information call the box office at 708-235-2222 or visit the Tickets.com website at www.tickets.com.

Tickets can also be purchased through the Tickets.com call center at 1-800-511-1552. Two for one tickets are available at the box office two hours prior to curtain for one hour only, based upon availability. Group rates are available for parties of 20 or more.

The Center is located at Governors Highway and University Parkway 45 minutes south of the Loop, off I-57 at Sauk Trail. Parking is free.

For more information on The Center for Performing Arts, visit The Center's website at www.govst.edu/center.

Mamma Mia is coming to Chicago

"Mamma Mia!" the Broadway and international smash hit musical based on the songs of ABBA that has become one of the most successful musicals of all time, is returning to Chicago at the Ford Center of Performing Arts, Oriental Theatre, located at 24 W. Randolph Street, for a limited engagement Thursday, July 24 through Sunday, September 7, 2003. The infectious and funny production features the pop super group's best known songs.

Over 10 million people around the world have fallen in love with the characters, the story and the music that make "Mamma Mia!" the ultimate feel good show.

A mother confronts her past as three men return to the Greek island they've not visited for 20 years, just as her 20 year old daughter is about to be married.

The performance schedule is as follows: Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, Thursdays at 7:30 pm, Fridays at 8:00 pm, Saturdays at 2:00 pm & 8:00 pm and Sundays at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm. Please note that there will be 2:00 pm performances on Wednesdays, July 30, August 13 and August 27. There will not be 7:30 pm performances on Sunday, August 3, August 17 & August 31. Also, the 8:00 pm performance on Saturday, August 2 will be signed interpreted for the hearing impaired.

For more information, please call (312) 977-1700. Tickets for "Mamma Mia!" range in price from $27 to $78 and are available at all Broadway In Chicago Box Offices (22 W. Monroe St., 24 W. Randolph St. and 151 W. Randolph St.), or by calling the Broadway Ticket Line at (312) 902-1400 and all Ticketmaster ticket centers.

Groups of 20 or more may receive a discount by calling (312) 977-1710.

Pictured: Louis Comfort Tiffany "Angel"

New Tiffany window exhibit opened

By [illegible]

The Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows at Navy Pier welcomes summer with the unveiling of 9 stained glass windows by Louis Comfort Tiffany. The unveiling was June 24, 2003.

More than 50 stained glass windows have a home at the Museum. The museum's 13 Tiffany windows combined with the new additions create one of the nation's largest permanent Tiffany museum displays. In addition, the Smith Museum also is expanding its combined Chicago-area Victorian windows. This will be completed later this year.

"The installation of more than 30 masterpieces by Tiffany and other significant American Studios means that Chicago will have the nation's leading museum display of Victorian stained glass windows," said E.B. Smith Jr., Museum Chairman. "This permanent exhibit should stimulate a great deal of research and scholarship about the American Decorative Arts Movement of the late 19th and 20th centuries." Dr. [illegible] Museum Curator, presided at the unveiling.

The Museum that is one of its kind in the 21st century has been visited by more than 1,000,000 people per year since the Smith Museum opened fall 2000. The [illegible] Studio of Architectural Art, Inc. was instrumental in the glass windows installing of these artistic endeavors.

The Smith Museum's free and open to the public during Navy Pier operating hours. Summer hours are Sunday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. through Labor Day.

The day the unveiling took place visitors were met from Japan, Korea, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and numerous Illinois towns. For more information on Navy Pier events, please call 312/595-PIER or visit the Navy Pier website at www.navypier.com.

Pictured from left to right: Amy Paprocki, Mrs. Jeanne Paprocki, Bishop Paprocki, Michael Paprocki and Mr. Joseph Paprocki.

Graduation ceremony was held

St. Laurence held its 39th Commencement Exercises for the Class of 2003 at St. Albert the Great Church in Burbank on May 19, 2003.

Bishop Thomas Paprocki, newly ordained bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago and Episcopal Vicar for Vicariate IV, attended the graduation and addressed the students.

Bishop Paprocki's nephew Michael Paprocki of Evergreen Park was among the graduating seniors. Principal Br. Michael Segvich, President Thomas [illegible], Salutatorian Miguel Rojas and Valedictorian Michael [illegible] also addressed the assembly. The awarding of gold medals for distinguished achievements in academic and extracurricular activities were given to individual seniors as part of the ceremony.

Mt. Carmel holds golf classic

The Mt. Carmel H.S. Alumni Association 2003 Golf Classic will be held on Monday, August 4 at the Green Garden Country Club, located at [illegible] W. Monee-Manhattan Rd., Frankfort, IL.

Registration will begin at 6:30 am. The fee is $130 and includes Range Balls, Golf Cart, Continental Breakfast, Course Refreshments, lunch, dinner. 9th hole specials, prizes and awards.

There will be a hole in one contest on all Par 3's. Everyone has a chance to win one of the following prizes for a hole in one: $10,000 in cash, Pontiac Car, GMC Truck or VW Bug.

To reserve your spot, please call Carmel Ragusa at 773-324-1020 Ext. 238 or mail your check made payable to Mt. Carmel Alumni Assn. to Mt. Carmel Golf Classic, located at 6410 S. Dante Ave., Chicago, IL 60637-3898.

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Brother Rice names senior medal winners

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Moraine Valley honors long time members

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Raffle winner of Saint Laurence High School announced

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Oak Lawn Library announces programs

Summer reading brings great rewards at the library

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Offering summer concert trips

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Pictured: From L. to R.: Marist students J. T. Restko, Matt Branningan with his mother, Adam Altobelli with his mother and George Fear with his mother gather with Coach Joel Jonas and Principal Tucker for the official signing.

Marist grads drafted to the Major Leagues

In 2003, Marist High School's RedHawk Baseball team had limited success on the field, but enjoyed a banner year for present and former players. Recently, four graduates of Marist were drafted and signed by Major League Baseball Teams, while three others have decided to play at major universities across the United States. Highlights include:

J.T. Restko: third base, 2003 Marist graduate was drafted in the 10th round and signed with the Florida Marlins. J.T. was All-State, All-Area, a member of the Sun-Times All-Star Team and All-Conference twice at Marist.

Tom Gonzelanni: pitcher, 2000 Marist graduate was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 2nd round. Tom played at Kansas University for two years and has been playing for Triton College over the last two years.

Tom Fabrizio: outfield, 1999 Marist graduate, signed with the San Diego Padres and is currently playing rookie ball in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Tom Siska: third base, 1999 Marist graduate, is currently negotiating with two Major League Baseball teams after graduating from St. Xavier University. He will sign as an undrafted free agent.

Adam Altobelli: first base/pitcher, 2003 Marist graduate, has signed to play at St. Francis University.

Matt Branningan: outfield/pitcher, 2003 Marist graduate, has signed to play at Eastern Michigan University.

George Fear: second base, 2003 Marist graduate, has signed to play at Millikin University.

Mr. Frank Marcos of the Major League Baseball Scouting Bureau has said that Major League qualities, which apply to both position players and pitchers, include aggressiveness, instinct, dedication and work ethic.

RedHawk Baseball Coach, Mr. Joel Jonas, had the pleasure of coaching all seven players over the years and remembers each of them talking about making it to the Major Leagues some day. Jonas comments, "I feel very fortunate to have coached each of the young men. They had the fortitude to make their dreams come true. It's hard work and dedication that got them to where they are now."

Founded by the Marist Brothers in 1963, Marist High School, located at 4200 W. 115th Street in Chicago, is a private Catholic school educating young men and women in heart, mind and body.

Oak Lawn Chamber holds golf outing

There's still time to make reservations for the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce annual golf outing and dinner gala fund raiser on Wednesday, July 9 at the Oak Lawn Park District Stony Creek Golf Course, located at 5860 W. 103 St.

Golfing will commence with a shotgun start at 12:30 pm. All afternoon, golfers may participate in special games and savor some relaxing refreshments at the beer holes. A lunch will be provided before golfing begins. The cost is $ 55 per person. Advance payment is required to secure your reservation. Maximum 112 golfers.

That evening, don't miss the Chamber's buffet style dinner gala featuring a pig roast and special raffle drawings. The cocktail hour begins at 5:30 pm and dinner will follow at 7:00 pm. The cost is $45 per person.

For reservations and more information, call the Chamber Office at 708-424-8300.

Pictured: The Marist High School Chicago group at Marist College in New York.

Marist youth gather in New York

Over the Memorial Day Weekend, 15 Marist High School students traveled to Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York for the third annual Marist Youth Gathering. Each year the weekend brings together students and faculty from Marist schools across the nation. Brother Brendan Brennan, FMS and Ms. Tammy Ocena of the Religious Studies Department accompanied the students, who were nominated by members of the Religion Department and selected based on their personal essays.

During the weekend, the students and faculty had the opportunity to experience a greater understanding of their Marist identity as being larger than any one school, explore their sense of call to the Marist vision and mission and appreciate the courage, energy and faith of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers.

The students are already planning Marist service-based programs and projects for next year based on their leadership experience at the gathering.

Students who attended from Marist Chicago include: Elise Cimak, Matthew Doherty, Edward Dunn, Caroline Dunleavy, Allison Junchaus, Kayleen Haberkorn, Alexander Kostas, Molly Malone, Mary McClelland, Daniel Namoff, Jeffrey Neumann, Thomas Niemiec, Sean O'Connor, Luke Stortzum and Jordan Williams.

Marist speech and acting team at national competition

Marist High School Speech and Acting Team members Colleen Smith, Josh Fuerst, Frank Nielsen, Tom Schueman and Chris Lonergan participated in the National Speech Competition in Arlington, Virginia over Memorial Day weekend. It was quite an honor for them to qualify for this tournament by placing within the top six competitors for each category in the Chicago Catholic League.

With over 2,000 students competing at Nationals each year, it is very difficult to advance to the Final Rounds.

In each preliminary level, students are triple judged because ranks are subjective. A competitor might be eliminated because one the numerous judges preferred another competitor's style of performance. Therefore, the team was incredibly excited when, despite these challenges, sophomore Josh Fuerst broke to Octofinals in Declamation.

Josh competed with the Top 48 students in the Country in his category and then advanced the Quarter Finals. Josh held his own against the Top 42 competitors and broke through once again to the Semifinals. Josh finished as one of the top 12 competitors in the National Catholic League.

Speech and Acting Team Coach, Ms. Holly Cox commented, "Only one other student in the history of the Marist Speech Team has ever advanced that far in the National Competition!"

Bible school

The Oak Lawn Community Church, Presbyterian, located at 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave. Oak Lawn, will hold Vacation Bible School classes July 21 - 25 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm for ages 5 - 12 years old.

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Orland Park addresses West Nile fears

by David Vognar

In response to numerous citizen inquiries into the status of the village's mosquito abatement program, and in preparation for the summer and the expected boom in mosquito population, the village of Orland Park outlined its plan to obviate the potential threat of the mosquito-carried West Nile virus at its June 16 meeting at Village Hall. West Nile, a blood-borne virus that can be contracted by humans through infected mosquito bites, has been a pressing concern for this south suburb after last year's deluge of West Nile-related cases in the state and area.

Village President Daniel J. McLaughlin and the Board of Trustees heard reports from representatives of the Orland sector of the South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District [MAD]. On hand to explain the role of the Orland sector—which comprises Lemont, Palos Park and Orland Park—was Michael Slamecka, a biologist for MAD. Slamecka explained that, thus far, Orland's division of MAD has concerned itself with investigating the more than 1,175 water sources in Orland Park and, if necessary, spraying the marshes, ditches or even tires infested with mosquito larvae.

The division's primary purpose is to investigate public or private culverts and monitor the mosquito activity of these water sources—mosquitoes tend to lay their larvae in wet areas. After coming across a larvae-filled retention pond, MAD will spray the pond with either hand-held can or truck sprayers. MAD also uses 30-day larvicide pellets in sewers and basins, interrupting the maturation process of young mosquitoes nesting in high standing water.

Citing citizen concern anent the possible danger of the chemical sprays used by MAD, Trustee James V. Dodge questioned the safety of spray chemicals deployed in areas with high human usage. However, Slamecka asserted that the most commonly used chemicals, such as the chemical BTI, only affect insects, and are used in ditches to suffocate larvae, and then dissipate in a matter of days. Organophosphates, which can pose a mild threat to human health, are used primarily in waste treatment plants.

Despite the Orland-area MAD team's diligent work, which McLaughlin applauded, the district is severely understaffed, with only 4 workers to cover the 108 square-mile areas. In recognition of such a handicap, McLaughlin offered auxiliary aid from Orland Park to facilitate the Orland MAD's current activities in the form of money and manpower. The board voted to invest up to $10,000 to research a more effective process of installing pellets into sewers and catch-basins, as well as to spray the vicinity of Orland's July 4 fireworks celebration area and to purchase a new deet-free mosquito repellent for Public Works employees. McLaughlin also hinted at supplementing the sector's pellet-deploying work with village employees to ameliorate the district's staffing strain.

Slamecka and McLaughlin both urged Orland Park residents to notify the village of any standing water issues by calling either the village or MAD. Realizing that poorly maintained swimming pools could pose a threat to mosquito-containment, the board also pondered a proposal to urge citizens to clean out their pools. The village will be sending out foldable flyers to all residents within the month, describing the various actions citizens can take to control mosquito breeding on their own properties.

Orland Park Trustee Patricia Gira (center) and Mayor Dan McLaughlin (right of Gira) are on hand to celebrate the groundbreaking of the new Orland Hotel and Conference Complex with Schuite representatives

Oak Forest honors local principal

At its Tuesday, June 24 convening, the Oak Forest City Council wasted no time in honoring a man who has been one of the greatest fixtures in education in the city for over a decade. That man, Dr. Robert Beishuizen, was the principal of Oak Forest High School who retired this year from a long career in education.

Beishuizen first took a job with the school in 1991, and he has served as Oak Forest High School's principal since 1996. The teacher had started his career with Thornton Fractional North High School in 1970, serving as a business teacher and coaching baseball in his spare time. Later, Beishuizen became a dean and assistant principal at the high school, before he moved on to Oak Forest.

Beishuizen, always a giving figure in the community and state, received his doctorate from Roosevelt University. Continuing to serve as a role model for his students, most recently Beishuizen donated an appreciable sum of money to the Illinois Principal's Association building fund, and is a member of their president's circle.

After offering Beishuizen hearty congratulations for a career in education stretching more than 30 years, the city council proceeded with its considerations of fence variations and city resolutions. One important consideration up for approval was the city's agreement with the firm of Kane, McKenna and Associates to write a TIF report for Oak Forest's TIF Districts. TIF, or tax increment financing, districts traditionally are boons for well-founded yet still developing cities like Oak Forest. Typically, if property value goes up, and hence tax prices also increase, a city can use the newfound funds to introduce developments to improve certain districts of town.

The prospect of TIF districts has been hotly debated nationally, as some scholars claim that the districts actually hinder development instead of encouraging it by interrupting the natural flow of urban planning. Oak Forest will be able to discern whether such a bleak outlook on the program might hold merit with the annual TIF district report.

Another national issue made its way into the Oak Forest City Council chambers on Tuesday night, that being concerned with our nation's newly-created Homeland Security Program. Through the program, which was established in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks to bolster the nation's national and local security forces, Oak Forest will be able to lease vehicles through the agency for protection and security purposes. Oak Forest will also be authorized to partake in other federal government-funded safety measures. Although the City Council considered submitting an application to the agency, the success of such a measure must be gauged against the heavy volume of similar small-town requests throughout the country.

Briefly, the city council considered an ordinance for the approval of a location for a new coffee shop in the city, spearheaded by MCKS Enterprise. The most likely location for now appears to be at 4815 W. 59th Street.

Passport applications

Passport applications are available in the Village of Orland Park Mayor's Office of Special Services, located in the lower level of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

Appointments are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Passport photos are available for a fee of $7.00. Applicants must provide an original birth certificate or a previous U.S. passport and proof of identity.

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I have to use adhesive to make my dentures fit, or I can't wear them all day.

This is a particularly dangerous myth. Dentures are made to fit precisely and usually do not require regular use of an adhesive for comfort. In an emergency, denture adhesives can be used to keep the dentures stable until you see us, but prolonged use can make infections and cause bone loss in the jaw.

Likewise, a poorly fitting denture, which causes constant irritation over a long period, may contribute to the development of sores and tumors. If your dentures begin to feel loose, or cause pronounced discomfort, see us immediately.

Dentures aren't like natural teeth: They are not affected by over the counter and prescription medications.

Drugs can affect denture fit and wearability. For example, certain medications can reduce the supply of saliva in your mouth, making it difficult to swallow or chew. So let us know of any medications you may be taking regularly, or even occasionally.

I have a fixed income. Regular dental care is too expensive.

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McDermott, who works with a neighborhood senior fitness group, will demonstrate gentle aerobic and strength training exercises.

Important information on related health issues such as high cholesterol, diabetes and hypertension will also be discussed. Admission is free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact Janet Mc Bride at 773-881-8168 or e-mail mtghistorical @yahoo. com.

Adoption is a legal process

Adoption is a legal procedure which establishes a new family relationship between the adopting parents and the child. After the completion of the adoption process, the adopting parents have the same rights, duties and responsibilities to the child as the birth parents would have had. Some general rules apply to adoption proceedings. A single or divorced person, or a couple (unmarried or same sex) can adopt a child. If the adopting persons are married, both the husband and wife must join in the petition unless they have been separated for more than a year. A child who is over the age of 14 must agree to being adopted.

The adoption usually requires the adopting parents, as well as the child or children asking for the adoption, to appear before a judge, usually when the Petition for Adoption is filed. If everything is in order, the judge will enter a temporary order of custody in favor of the adopting parents. When the adoption is ready to be finalized, the lawyer of the adopting parents will present the proper documents to the judge, who will enter a "judgement of adoption." In most cases, neither the parents nor the children need to be present at that time.

After the adoption is complete, a new birth certificate is usually issued for the child. The new birth record will show the adoptive parents as if they were the parents at the time of the child's birth.

The original birth certificate is placed into a sealed file that can be examined only with the permission of a judge.

For further information about law related issues, contact a lawyer in your area or visit www.illinoislawyer finder.com.

Pictured: Pediatric cardiologist Dr. Alexander Javois at Advocate Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn and three year old Jessica Kadlec.

Patch for tiny hearts

Advocate Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn, IL., has become the first hospital in the Chicago area to join a study that involves the use of a special soft patch to treat children who were born with a hole in the wall between the two upper chambers of their heart. Pediatric cardiologist Dr. Alexander Javois began performing the procedure last week as part of a U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) investigation.

Traditionally, children with this type of heart problem, called atrial septal defect, underwent open-heart surgery.

The new device, now under study, allows doctors to close the holes with a patch made of Gore-tex type material. Called the Helex Septal Occluder, the material is attached to a wire, which is fed through a catheter inserted in the patient's leg. The patch is then placed over the hole on both sides of the hearts's wall and the patient's own tissue eventually grow over the patch, creating a permanent closure.

This procedure offers a less risky option to open heart surgery and also avoids the scarring, both externally and internally, that results from surgery.

While other devices have been in use in recent years, they mare made of wire mesh. Doctors are interested in this particular patch device because its relatively low metal content and its soft, compliant shape may be gentler on the heart. Potential benefits are what the FDA study is designed to determine.

The patch is intended to stay in place throughout the child's life. Most children are able to leave the hospital the day following the two to three hour procedure. Javois has performed the procedure on five patients to date. Hope Children's Hospital is one of only 14 institutions in the country to participate in this study.

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Worth still negotiating on skate park

by David Vognar

It has been quite an anxious time for antsy Worth-area skateboarders and rollerbladers, waiting for their promised skate park now for months. However, as the village of Worth and Worth Park District failed to reach a mutual consensus concerning contractual details in the park's proposal, those area skaters will have to wait a little longer.

Though the village and the park district have been negotiating the details of the proposed skate park for months now, at the June 17 Board of Trustees meeting, the process slid to another grinding halt. Discrepancies over contract wording and liability issues hindered further progress between the two intergovernmental parties, possibly setting the process back months.

Originally, the park district, in talks with the village, had proposed building the skate park near the village's recreation area and Waters' Edge golf course, near the 7200 block of 115th Street. However, the park district later backpedaled on that location, instead supporting an effort to house the skate park behind Enterprise Rent-A-Car, at 6455 West 111th Street. Now, it appears that the village and the park district are in a quagmire.

Although differences concerning the skate park's location are a hot topic between the two institutions, liability is also a prime issue. Concerns over employee presence during skate park usage and the village's role in skate park activities still hold back the beginning of the park's construction.

For those eager skaters, the situation is looking rather bleak. Certainly, the village may not yet receive another proposal from the park district until at least the end of the summer. However, the current disconnect between the park district and the village could very well be on its way out. The village, having noted its hang-ups with the park district's proposal as submitted, will send back the document with the advised changes for revision. In addition,. Trustee Kevin Werner, at the helm of the parks and recreations committee, planned to attend the next park district meeting. If all goes as planned, Werner and the board can help sparkplug the current lull in the process, and discuss the possibility of a quick coming to terms between the two parties.

In the fiscal arena, promising news came from the office of state Senator Ed Maloney, who reassured Worth residents and the Board of Trustees that he would do his best to look out for the village in spite of the state's budget crisis. Currently, the state has frozen an approximate $140,000 promised to Worth in legislative appropriation dollars that were to be used to purchase a new set of jaws-of-life and fire truck for the fire department.

The state legislature made cuts in local spending appropriations, draining vital monetary resources for local government projects. Sen. Maloney requested that the village send him its details about their planned local projects, so that in the case of percolating resources, the senator could aid the village in any way possible.

In other news, Village President Edward Guzdziol was awarded with a commemorative plaque from Cook County Commissioner Joan Murphy and legislative liaison Brent Woods. Guzdziol has retired from Worth Junior High after 34 years of instructing the 8th grade science class.

Hamfesters hold July meeting

The Hamfesters monthly meeting will be held on Friday, July 11, 2003, at the Crestwood Community Center, located at 14025 Kostner Ave. in Crestwood, IL. The meeting will begin at 7:30 pm and end around 9:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

This month's meeting will consist of our Vice President (WA9HIR) Bill Hargadon talking on Transmission lines. Is line loss important or not?

During the meeting there will be refreshments served and time to talk to the members and learn more about our club. We would like to encourage all Amateur Radio operators to attend and possibly think of joining our club.

For more information about the club, visit www.hamfesters.org or call (WA9HIR) Bill Hargadon at (708) 749-0395 (Vice President).

Eyes to the skies announces festival

Admission to the ATA Lisle Eyes to the Skies Festival is $ 8 per adult and $2 per child, ages 5-12. Children younger than 5 are free. Lisle Park District residents are admitted free of charge from noon to 3:30 pm on July 4. There is no charge for admission to the carnival. The carnival entrance is on the west side of the festival. Free parking is provided at several locations including Benedictine University and the Lisle Metra Train Station. Hours are:

Wednesday, July 2, from 5:00 - 11:00 pm Carnival only; Thursday, July 3, from 4:00 - 11:00 pm; Friday, July 4, from noon - 11:00 pm; Saturday, July 5, from noon - 11:00 pm; Sunday July 6, from noon - 11:00 pm. Further information is available at its website www.eyestotheskiesfestival.com, by telephone hotline at 630-575-9798 or by calling the Lisle Convention & Visitors Bureau at 630-769-1000. Special discounts hotel room packages are available at the Hyatt Lisle, the official festival hotel. For reservations, call 800-233-1234 and ask for the Eyes to the Skies rate.

The biggest and best carnival in the 23 year history of the ATA Lisle Eyes to the Skies Hot Air Balloon Festival is located at Community Park, Short Street and Ill. Hwy. 53 in Lisle, IL. During the special Carnival Preview from 5:00 - 11:00 pm on the day before the official opening of the festival, visitors can purchase an all you can ride ticket for only $15.

ATA Airlines is the title sponsor for the festival. In addition to making a financial contribution to help pay the costs of the festival's more than $800,000 budget, ATA also will be offering discount coupons on the future air travel to attendees as well as a number of special promotions on the festival grounds.

Other major sponsors include the Village of Lisle, Magic WJMK 14.3 radio, US 99 WUSN-FM Country radio, the Chicago Tribune.

Hot Air balloons are giant floating pieces of art and advertisement have been the signature items of the Eyes to the Skies festival for all of its 23 years.

The hot air balloons inflate on the Noodles & Company balloon field, weather permitting, at 5:30 am and 6:30 pm each day of the festival, Thursday, July 3, through Sunday , July 6.

Palos Park Council Discusses Schools

By Carlene O'Conner

At the Palos Park meeting, Jo Anne Berg reported to the council that 373 young residents graduated from elementary school this year in District 118. She said they are teaching reading, writing, social studies, and math. Berg went on to say that they must also teach skills for the workplace. They need added programs of arts, sports, and counseling to make students healthy, so they must add space to all of their schools-Palos East, Palos West, and Palos South.

Under Governor Ryan's term, an 8.5 million dollar grant was awarded to the district to fix and expand the schools.

After the grant was given, parents got together to form "peer school review" Partners in Building Solutions Committee. They toured schools in nearby areas, made comparisons, and voiced suggestions to the council.

The schools need to update and expand their art programs, hallways, storage space, space for bussing, parent pick-up and drop-off areas, gyms, and teacher's lounges.

There will be more enrichment programs with English as a second language, programs for the developmentally and mentally challenged, computers, reasonable class sizes, security cameras, and 12-foot wide hallways. All phases of the project are expected to be completed in two years.

Also, the council is asking that whoever took the flags on 123rd Street to please return them.

The Palos Park Police Department invites all people between the ages of 14-20 who are interested in law enforcement to contact them about becoming a police cadet. If you are interested, please contact Chief Miller. The police department is still giving away bicycle helmets. If you wish to receive a helmet, it can be picked up at the department.

The council is still battling West Nile Virus by conducting the first round of spraying mosquito larvae throughout the village.

Mayor Baca reported that McCord House lease agreement was still in negotiation with the community's best interests in mind.

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St. Bernadette's learning lab awarded second in the country

Pictured is Sister Mary Ventura, O.P. in her lab at St. Bernadette School

by David Vognar

Not many people can boast the veritable treasure chest of awards that decorate the room of Sister Mary Ventura at St. Bernadette School in Evergreen Park. Nor can many people say that they wake at 4:30 a.m. to provide the community with an invaluable educational opportunity five days a week, every season of the year. Yet, Sister Ventura, who has now headed up special education at St. Bernadette for 7 years, continues to carry a deep and loving generosity into her work with special needs students and those who wish to be "taught how to learn."

Sister Ventura has been at the helm of one of the nation's top Essential Learning Solution [ELS] educational programs. Her room is stocked-full of 16 iMac Apple computers, on which her students log time on their ELS software. Much akin to a typing class or word-processing skills building program, ELS prints out progress sheets for students to monitor their progress. Each iMac totes a pair of earphones, absolutely vital to the functioning of the program.

For ELS computer software takes a unique approach to learning. Instead of teaching students the intricacies of mathematics or science, ELS reinforces the essentials of audio-visual learning through a multi-sensory bombardment. Students literally learn to learn through the honing of their senses and the activation of new pathways in the brain, rather than learning to respond with the correct answer. Thus, the students aren't learning what 2 + 2 equals, but the program is helping to carve out new routes in the brain so that, back at school, 2 + 2 will seem more logical.

Such a special approach was first pioneered in Waco, Texas, when a man with a learning-disabled son vowed to study the functioning of the human brain and ended his studies with the creation of a new software program, ELS. Since then, ELS-based learning has bloomed into 1,500 schools nationwide, helping both children and adults to increase their processing speed and comprehension.

Though ELS is mostly used for struggling grade school children, high school students and adults use the program, as well. From ages 7 to 87, ELS helps to improve memory, problem processing and language use, which is a valuable resource for all ages. Students who use ELS are enrolled in regular schooling and use ELS for supplemental help.

"Parents bring in children who have no hope . . . who have spent hours studying for a test. And it's as if a light goes on for them," said Sister Ventura. "Some of them are even able to get on the honor roll for the first time in their lives."Sister Ventura's ELS program was recently recognized as the 2nd best in the nation, showing the second to best improvement in overall comprehension among the program's more than 80 students. The program has won an Exemplary Lab Award from the software company, and Sister Ventura was honored with a Who's Who Among America's Teachers award. Sister Ventura must design each of her students' lesson plans individually, for students move at their own pace using the program. The program also calls for a highly organized and highly time intensive role for the supervisor.

Although Sister Ventura is humble about her great role in the program, she is by no means modest about the great possibilities of such a novel approach to learning. "It has nothing to do with text books," Sister Ventura said, "(but) it teaches the brain how to learn. It guarantees success for more than 95% of the students who enter the program."

Oak Lawn Board Members Express Tribute to: Mayor Ernest Kolb

By Matt Mayer

It was a solemn evening at the Oak Lawn Board meeting July 8th. From a personal view point, I felt the loss of Mayor Kolb intensify as I walked into the board room. And yet I also somehow felt his presence. The Mayor's chair had purple bunting draped upon the top, with a bouquet of patriotic flowers befitting of a WWII Veteran, along with his dapper straw hat placed on the dais where he sat.

The meeting commenced with Trustee Marjorie Joy delivering a heartfelt prayer for Mayor Ernest Kolb, who passed away on June 29th. Trustee Ron Stancik was chairman protem for the meeting. Stancik felt it best to remain seated at his Trustee chair, out of respect for the Mayor.

Village Clerk Jayne Powers presented awards for the Beautiful Yard Contest. The winners are: Gloria Hayda - 6806 W. 97th St.(1st Place), Cathy Barbeauld Sinkeurs - 9336 S. 50th Ave. (2nd Place), Tony and Marge Domico - 9202 Lynwood Drive (3rd Place)

Each of the board members paid homage to Mayor Kolb. Village Clerk, Jayne Powers, said she lost her best friend - they had worked together for 26 years.

The trustees each related stories such as how everyone referred to the Mayor as "Ernie". They told of how he was able to connect with people and had a great vision and love for Oak Lawn. They spoke of his patience and his leadership - he was a bridge builder between people. And on the day of his funeral procession, Oak Lawn employees as well as residents lined the streets. It was truly an emotional moment. Within two hours of commencemnt of the viewing, there were over 2000 people who payed their respects.

Trustee Ron Stancik stated along with losing a friend, Oak Lawn had lost a leader and the world had lost a better human being. Stancik asked during this time of sadness, as difficult as it may be; that from this point on, we no longer mourn Ernie's loss but celebrate his life.

The board then proceeded to conduct the business of local government. The board approved the following ordinances: an equal sideyard setback variation at 9331 S. Nordica, an equal sideyard setback variation at 9601 S. Menard Ave.

The board approved a recommendation in regards to a joint agreement with IDOT, (Phase II) for a traffic signal project at 93rd and Ridgeland, as well as a recommendation to award the 2003 street resurfacing program to Central Blacktop Co of La Grange in the amount of $611,854.30.

The board approved the sale of used squad cars to the highest bidder, AMI Auto Brokers of Wildwood Missouri in the amount of $32,100.00.

A collective bargaining agreement between the Village and the Police Supervisors Association was approved as well as an amendment to the Village's Cable Television Franchise agreement and an Engineering Study of the Water System by Mc Donough Associates, Inc.

Crotty met with health care forum

State Senator Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest) and the Southland Health Care Forum met to discuss issues affecting the people of the South and Southwest suburbs.

The focus of the event is to examine the regional economic impact of health care providers, staffing shortages, Medicaid reimbursement rates, mental health services, substance abuse services, medical liability and the roll of colleges and universities in health care career training.

The Southland Health Care Forum is made up of the Chicago Southland Alliance, the Metro Southland Alliance and the hospitals serving the South and Southwest suburbs.

Pictured: Geese and outfits for sale

Craft items for sale

Ornamental geese for sale at the H.B. Maher Community Center, located at 3450 West 97th St.

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Multi talented ladies meet every Thursday at the Community Center, creating special craft items. Proceeds benefit Evergreen Park mini bus, which provides transportation service for senior and disabled adult residents of Evergreen Park.

Presenting Chicagoland's parade of ponds

The world's largest water garden tour will be on Saturday, July 19 and Sunday, July 20. Explore over 190 of the most beautiful private ponds, water gardens and waterfalls throughout Chicagoland on this self guided tour.

Sponsored by Aquascape Designs, Inc., all proceeds benefit local charities, including The Conservation Foundation and The Nature Conservancy - IL Chapter.

Tickets are $15 and are good for both days of the event. Free admission for children 12 and under. For the ticket location nearest you visit www. aqua scape designs.com or, call 630-326-2400 to order tickets by phone.

Prescription drug discount

Illinois seniors and disabled individuals will now have a state prescription drug discount program, thanks in part to the efforts of State Senator Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest).

Earlier today, Governor Blagojevich signed the measure that will create the long awaited Senior Citizen Drug Discount Program.

For over four years Crotty has led the effort to make the program a reality. Throughout her tenure in the Illinois House of Representatives, Crotty's efforts were met with success until the legislation was stonewalled in the Senate. Now a State Senator, the suburban lawmaker joins a bi-partisan group of legislators in enjoying the success of finally having this measure signed into law by the Governor.

Under the legislation, seniors over the age of 65 and disabled individuals could opt to enter the voluntary program for a minimal $25 fee. A state coordinated negotiation team would then use the power of the participants, estimated to be in the hundreds of thousands, to negotiate discounts to medications.

Crotty is hopeful that the legislation, being signed into law today, will help seniors and the disabled in Illinois get the medications they need at a minimal cost.

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Pictured: Brother Rice students are inducted into the National Honor Society

Brother Rice inducts students into national honor society

Brother Rice High School students hold candles symbolic of their entrance into the National Honor Society at a ceremony attended by students, parents and faculty. This spring, a total of 210 Brother Rice sophomores, juniors and seniors were inducted into the N.H.S.

The N.H.S. is a service organization whose membership at Brother Rice is open to students who have a minimum 3.4 G.P.A. on a 4.0 scale. This is higher than the national norm of 3.0. Members are accepted based on leadership, scholarship, character and service within the school and are nominated by their teachers.

Students are expected to donate a minimum of three free period sessions per week for tutoring as well as donate their time for various school events such as Open House and parent/teacher evenings.

Oak Lawn Library News

No blood pressure screenings in July and August

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will not hold their monthly blood pressure screening program at the Oak Lawn Public Library during July and August.

However, free screening will be offered at the Village of Oak Lawn Farmer's Market on Wednesday, September 10, at 8:00 am to noon. This program resumes at the library on the second Wednesday of every month, October 8, at 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Advocate Christ Medical Center. Their mission is to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses , schools an the community. The partnership

Oak Lawn Resident Enlists in U.S. Navy

By Edward Suda

As of June 28 2002, David Allen Suda (a.k.a. "Sudafed"), son of Glen and Leslie Suda, officially began training to serve our country in the navy by entering boot camp at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. After a rigorous nine week training process, he was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia while awaiting cryptology training in Pensacola, Florida. He is scheduled to depart for his training on July 21, 2003.

David attended Oak Lawn Community High School and graduated in the class of 2002. He was an Eagle Scout from St. Gerald's Troop 619, President of Spanish Club, recipient of the Prudential Spirit of the Community Award, and two year recipient of the Cook County Sheriff's Youth Service Medal of Honor. To be eligible for this award, a total of 100 hours must be completed in one year. He has actively supported his community through his countless hours as a former library volunteer, Peer Jury member, and volunteer at Evergreen Health Center.

David's community spirit continues even to this day, as he volunteers on a weekly basis at two libraries in Virginia, along with tutoring adults with poor reading skills. After his four years in the U.S. Navy, he plans to either become a U.S. history teacher or possibly a business-related career.

THE TERRY BUDDS STORY

When Terry Budds came to ST. FRANCIS for his HEALTHY HEART EXAM, Dr. Ronald Stella discovered Terry had two arteries that were so badly blocked, he needed emergency surgery. Fortunately, due to the integrated coordination of the heart care team, Terry was able to have his life-saving Double Bypass Procedure within hours. That's how the ST. FRANCIS HEALTHY HEART EXAM is different. It's the experience of the heart care team who accurately pinpoints problems, and then has the ability to respond quickly. Terry Budds knows that in all matters of the heart, it matters where you go.

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Researchers receive grant

The National Headache Foundation (NHF) announces its 2003 research grant awards to seven investigator teams at top U.S. medical centers, headache clinics and universities conducting research into headache causes and treatments.

A grant was awarded to Aron D. Mosnaim, Pharm. D., Ph.D at the Chicago Medical School at Finch University of Health Sciences, Chicago, IL and Frederick Freitag, D.O. at the Diamond Headache Clinic, Chicago, IL to research "Role of monocyte-released cytokines in the differential immune response to triptans by migraineurs and healthy controls."

FDA approval in 21993 of Sumatriptan (Imitrex) for migraine abortive or reversal therapy opened the way for the development of a new class of medications, the triptans. These drugs specifically target a subtype of serotonin receptors believed to be a least partially responsible for the occurence of migraine. All of the eight triptans currently on the market are useful for migraine abortive therapy, however they present significant differences in their side effects, particularly in their actions upon the cardiovascular and central nervous system. Research has shown that individual triptans produce different quantitative and qualitative changes in the patient's immune system.

For more information, visit the National Headache Foundation at www.headaches.org or call 1-888-NHF-5552 (Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm CT).

Hot and sticky BBQ

It is 6:00 am and time to fire up the grill for a breakfast that will really send the sandman packing. And keep stoking the fire because grilling isn't just for picnic and dinner fare. Just about everything from salad and soup to sandwiches and sweets can be grilled and served to perfection, as long as "Hot and Sticky BBQ", by popular Canadian chef Ted Reader is on hand.

Ted Reader takes barbecuing to new dimensions with inventive recipes such as BBQ Breakfast Pepper baked Eggs; Cedar-planked Salmon Chowder; Portobello Mushrooms stuffed with BBQ pulled Pork; grilled Pizza with three Cheeses, roasted Garlic and Bacon and many more.

Also included in "Hot and Sticky BBQ" are versions of Reader's signature dish - Cedar-Planked Salmon - and signature method - planking, which involves grilling on an untreated cedar plank soaked in water. With more than 400 passionately delicious recipes to choose from, the book also features sure to be favorites.

"Hot and Sticky BBQ" by Ted Reader is published by Alpha Books, has 456 pages and is available for $21.95.

ISBN: 0-02-864478-6.

Free brochures available for home buyers and sellers

To help ease the home selling and home buying process, Attorneys' title Guaranty Fund, Inc. (ATG), a lawyer based service organization that provides title insurance to homeowners and lenders, has published several free brochures available in Spanish, as well as in English. The free brochure include: Buying/Selling a Home, What you need to know; how your attorney works for you and protect yourself against predatory lending practices.

To obtain a free brochure(s), call ATG at 1-800-252-5206, ext. 248, write P.O. Box 9136, Champaign, IL 61826-9136, or e-mail your request to brochure@atgf.com.

St. Fabian Phoenix holds meeting

The St. Fabian Phoenix Group would like to invite everyone to their speaker night on Thursday, July 24, 2003. The speaker will be Fr. Terry Deffenbaugh and he will be speaking on "Dealing with Moods/Taming the Monster". Doors will open at 7:00 pm and the meeting will start at 8:00 pm. This meeting will be held in the Parish Social Center, located at 7450 W. 83rd Street, Bridgeview. Further information can be obtained by calling Tom and Marianne at (708) 499-5377.

Tinley Library offers programs

The Youth Services Department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites children who have completed first and second grade to this special program, which will include a trivia contest and Junie B.'s favorite snack on Thursday, July 18 from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm.

Registration begins Monday, July 7. Participants must be registered in the summer reading program. To register and for info, call 532-0160 ext. 125.

The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

The Youth Services Department of the Tinley Park Public Library teens in grades 6 - 12 who enjoy books and movies to participate in Teen Talk on Wednesday, July 23 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. We will read a book and then watch the movie based upon the story.

Register and pick up a copy of the book beginning July 9, two weeks prior to the discussion. Participants must be registered in the summer reading club.

For info and to register, call 532-0160 ext. 125.

Palos Park Resident Receives Scholarships

Nicole Szostak, of Palos Park, receives congratulations from Dr. Vernon O. Crawley (left), president of Moraine Valley, and Sandra Wagner, member of the Moraine Valley Board of Trustees. Szostak was recently honored as a Foundation Scholarship recipient and a Career Programs Scholarship recipient at the college's Academic Scholarsip Ceremony.

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Evergreen Park Library announces programs

Golden age of comedy film series

The Evergreen Park Public Library, located at 9400 S. Troy, is hosting a series on "The Golden Age of Comedy" on Thursday, July 17 and 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Glenn [illegible] of ArtCraft Productions, Inc. presents an overview of the glorious years of good clean fun that was movie comedy over three decades. Using short films and highlights from great comedy feature films, series will explore some of the comic geniuses of our comedy film heritage.

This was comedy from gentler times, comedy that has inspired our current band of comedians, comedy that transcends time and is just as funny today as it was generations ago. Through the magic of film and video, it is comedy that will live forever.

Annual book sale at the library

It's that time of year again! The Evergreen Park Public Library, located at 9400 S. Troy, is holding its fourth annual book sale on Saturday, July 19 from 9:30 - 3:30 p.m. Browse to your heart's content from a wide selection of hardbound fiction and non-fiction books, paperbacks, even CDs and videos. Enjoy delicious concessions and lively music.

Please consider donating used books in good condition. The library cannot use magazines, encyclopedias or textbooks. Call 422-8522 for delivery instructions.

Big Roy plays smooth jazz at the library

Jazz band Big Roy brings its own special brand of funky jazz to the Evergreen Park Public Library, located at 9400 S. Troy, on Monday, July 21 at 7:30 p.m. This is a free program.

Big Roy has been performing its infectious grooves since 1994. Appearing at The Green Mill, The Beat Kitchen, Martyrs' and The Jazz Buffet, they are a familiar part of Chicago jazz scene. Big Roy is also warmly received by public audiences at popular outdoor venues like Taste of Chicago, Summerfest, On the Waterfront and Chicago Navy Pier.

For more information, call the library at 422-8522.

Games night of fame

The Evergreen Park Library, located 9400 S. Troy Ave. invites children in grades 3-6 to join us on Monday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m. for a night of "Fame and Prizes." Become famous for your star performance in our charades game and win "valuable" prizes as you compete in our game show gala! Registration is required at 422-8522.

Village of Evergreen Park makes the following announcements

OCS monthly luncheons continue

On Wednesday, July 30 at 1:00 p.m., inside picnic and games. The menu will consist of hamburgers, cheese, potato salad, cole slaw, dessert and a beverage. Tickets are $6. Registration deadline is July 25.

Wednesday's, August 27 at 1:00 p.m., there will be "Luau!" The menu will consist of chicken [illegible] dessert and beverage.

Tickets are $[illegible]. Deadline for registration is August 22.

Get your tickets for the luncheons early at the Office of Citizens Services located at 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park.

Meals on wheels program

Meals on wheels program is available to Evergreen Park residents 60 years and over, who are unable to prepare meals in their home through the combined efforts of [illegible], Office of Citizens Services and Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Meals will be delivered between 11:30 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday, one hot meal for lunch, one cold meal for dinner.

For more information on cost and eligibility, phone Janice [illegible] at 708-422-8776. If you are aware of anyone who could benefit from Meals on wheels, please inform them of this program.

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Rules of the road

The Illinois Rules of the Road Class is scheduled for Thursday, September 4 at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Center located at 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park.

This program covers the material necessary to pass the driver's license renewal. A representative from the Secretary of State's Office will be [illegible]. There is no fee, however registration is necessary and can be made by stopping at OCS [illegible] or by phoning 422-8776.

New year's eve at noon

Celebrate and welcome the New Year of 2004 in the Crystal Ballroom of the Martinique with [illegible] OCS. Enjoy dinner and dancing music, party favors and entertainment featuring [illegible] Rick [illegible] Prime Rib [illegible] and two cocktails.

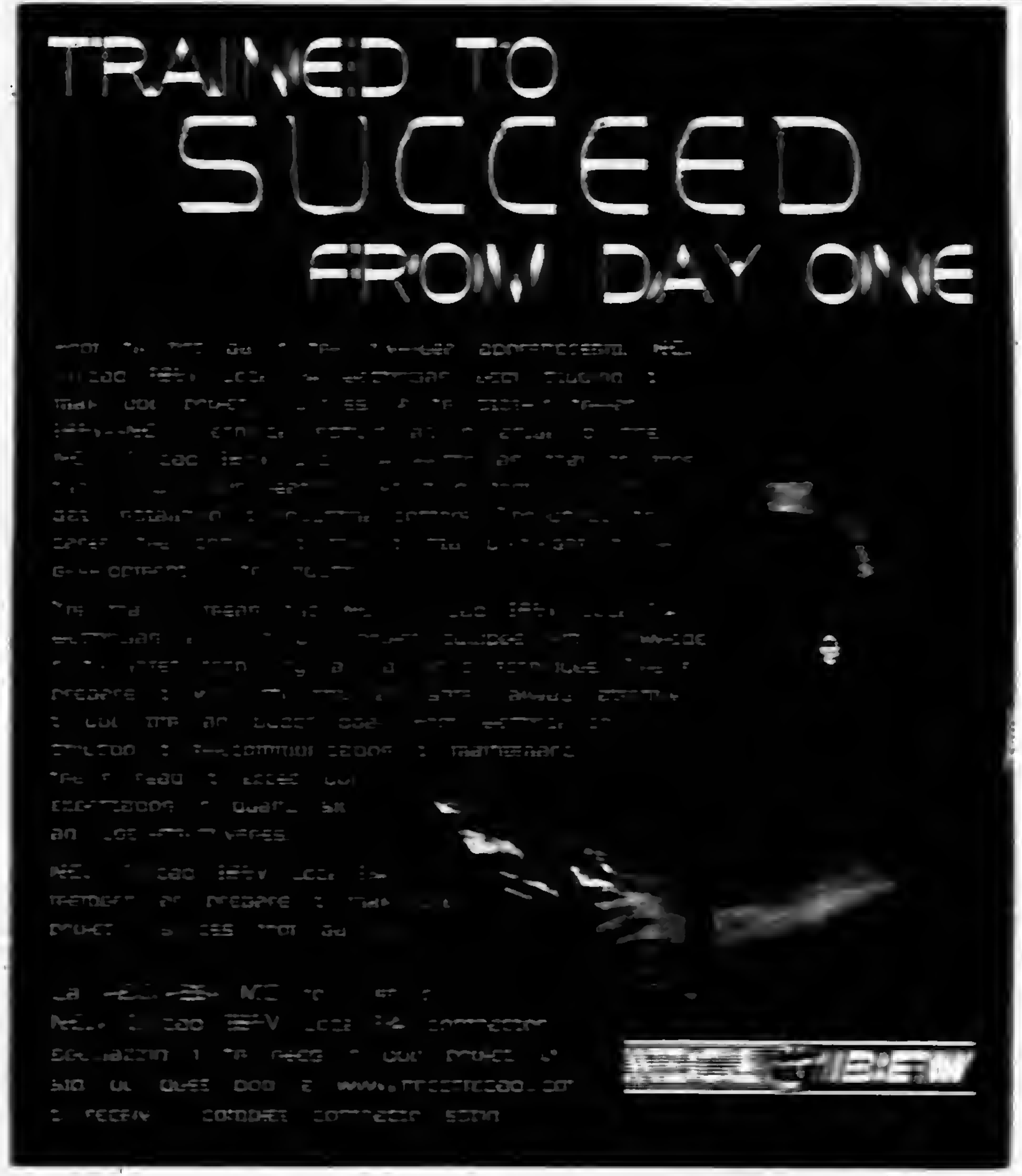
This special celebration is on Wednesday, December 31 from noon to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are $55 [illegible] and are available at the Office of Citizens Services located at 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park.

Free outdoor concert in the park

On [illegible] July 24 [illegible] in Oak Lawn's Lakeshore Park, 95th St. and East Shore Drive. [illegible]

The [illegible] Oak Lawn [illegible] 2003 Summer Concert Series. [illegible] will be [illegible] Oak View Center, located at 4625 W. [illegible] Cook County [illegible]

For more information, [illegible] 708/857-2200 [illegible]



State Bar Association honors lawyers

The Illinois State Bar Association has conferred the title "Senior Counselor" on 145 of its members who have been in the practice of law for 50 years.

The Senior Counselors will be honored at a luncheon July 17 at the Standard Club in Chicago.

Members of the Class of 1955 will receive a certificate expressing the gratitude of the state Bar for their long and faithful service and will be placed on "privileged" member status.

The Senior Counselors from the Chicago area are as follows:

From Chicago: Howard R. Barron, Aaron P. Bork, Robert Bruce, John Burns, Norman M. Chase, Edward X. Clinton, Justice William Cousins, George Dvorak, Marvin Fine, Norman Finkel, Herbert Fisher, Michael S. Goodman, Hollis Green, Roger Cantwell, Glenn R. Heyman, John W. Hunt, Howard Lacey, Charles E. Linnell, Richard M. Lyon, Ralph A. Mannheimer, Silva Marino, Chief Justice Mary Ann McMorrow, Marvin Metge, Paul J. Miller, Robert Mittman, William S. Ness, Earl Neal, Lawrence Prosser, Maurice P. Raines, James Regas, Eugene L. Resnick, John Richmond, Herbert L. Romano, James Solomon, Walter Sorensen, Paul Vishny, William Von Hoene, Herman S. Werner, James N. Zimmer, Lloyd E. Zickert.

From LaGrange: Louis H. LeMieux.

From LaGrange Park: John C. Bannon.

From Summit: Joseph C. Blahnik.

From Tinley Park: Marvin Shore.

State Library named for former poet

The Illinois State Library was named today in honor of the late Pulitzer Prize-winning Illinois poet laureate Gwendolyn Brooks during a dedication ceremony held at the library.

Almost 1000 persons watched as Nora Brooks Blakely, the poet's daughter, unveiled a plaque commemorating the event. The plaque will be permanently mounted on a marble base located in the front of the library.

The Illinois General Assembly approved a resolution this spring sponsored by Senate President Emil Jones (D-Chicago) and House Speaker Michael J. Madigan urging the State of Illinois to rename the Illinois State Library "The Gwendolyn Brooks Illinois State Library."

Ms. Brooks, who resided all her life in Chicago and died in 2000, was the first African American to win the Pulitzer Prize in 1950 for her second published volume of verse, Annie Allen. In 1968, Ms. Brooks was named Illinois poet laureate, succeeding Carl Sandburg, and she served as poet laureate until her death.

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White hosted the ceremony.

Among the dignitaries honoring Ms. Brooks were Governor Rod Blagojevich, President Jones, Speaker Madigan and State Representative Lovana Jones.

Among her other life achievements, Ms. Brooks was awarded the prestigious Frost Medal and National Medal of Arts. She was named a "Living Legend" by the Library of Congress, was named Jefferson Lecturer by the National Endowment for the Humanities, was awarded more than seventy-five honorary degrees from colleges and universities, received a lifetime achievement award from the National Endowment for the Arts and a National Book Foundation Award for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters. She established the Illinois Poet Laureate Awards in 1969 to encourage elementary and high school students to write.

She married Henry L. Blakely in 1939 and together they had two children: Nora Brooks Blakely and Henry Blakely III.

Always try to be a little kinder than is necessary.
—James Matthew
Barrie

OL Church to hold annual picnic

On Sunday, July 17th the Oak Lawn Community Church will have a Picnic from 1:30 am to 5:00 pm at 9000 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn.

Food, pop and ice cream will be supplied. Bring a side dish. Music will be performed by New Creations. Games will be available for adults and children. Bingo and raffle will be held. A free will offering will be taken.

For more information and reservations, please call Leroy at 708-[illegible] or Linda at 708-[illegible].

Oak Lawn Resident Receives Teaching Award

Sue Pheasant of Oak Lawn receives congratulations from Dr. Vernon O. Crawley (left), president of Moraine Valley, and Patricia Koerber (right), vice chair of the Moraine Valley Board of Trustees. Pheasant was recognized as the 2005 Moraine Valley Professor of the Year Award recipient. Pheasant is department chair of Health Sciences and Public Service and associate professor and coordinator of Phlebotomy.

Sertoma individuals attend special Olympics

Through their hard work and dedication, two individuals from Sertoma Centre have been invited to attend the upcoming 11th Annual summer Special Olympics in Dublin, Ireland. The Games will host 7,000 athletes from 160 countries and offer competition in 18 summer sports.

Sean O'Brien and Robert Frost have been at Sertoma Centre for over 15 years. [illegible] Sean's family [illegible] but will miss his friends at Sertoma.

Sean and Robert have [illegible] in the Chicago Special Olympics program for the past 15 years. [illegible]

Sean O'Brien's [illegible] swimming. He is also on the volleyball and [illegible] team. He [illegible] in the annual Track & Field games in Chicago.

Robert Frost will be participating in the Track and Field events at the Special Olympics. His favorite event is the 200 meter run.

When talking about his trip to Ireland, with tears in his eyes, he says "[illegible] will be when I wave the American flag."

Sean and Robert [illegible] obstacles. We wish them nothing but the best of luck.

Girl Scouts present programs

Girl Scouts of Whispering Oaks Council presents "A Girl's Life!"

A Girl's Life is a series of programs focusing on girls living in different parts of the country at important times in history. "We will learn what their life was like, [illegible] the activities they might have and imagine a place they might have come."

Session A: On August 2 is about Josephina, a girl growing up in New Mexico in 1824. The session is from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Hodgkins Library, located at 6500 Wenz.

Session B: On August 3 is about Daisy's Chicago heritage [illegible] Girl Scouts, but did you know her ancestors helped found Chicago? The session is from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Stickney Forest View Library, located at 6800 Oak Park Avenue in Stickney.

Session C: On August 4 is about Addy's journey, an African American girl living in Savannah in 1864. When a Girl Scout troop is started in her area, she meets girls she would otherwise never get to know. The session is from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the LaGrange Community Center, 200 Washington.

Register for any or all sessions by contacting Outreach Coordinator Sandy Lawrence at 708-354-1855 ext. 25.

Jim Allen to speak

Jim Allen, Assistant County Treasurer with the office of Cook County Treasurer, Maria Pappas, will speak before the Oak Lawn Senior Seniors Friday, July 22 at 10:45 am at 10000 Central, Oak Lawn. He will explain the workings of the Cook County Treasurer's Office.

Tinley Park holds annual family picnic

The Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce invites you and your family to join us for a day filled with food, drinks, games, prizes and fun, fun, fun!

Bring your spouse, children, grandchildren, etc. to enjoy [illegible] family and fun on August 3rd, 2005 to the picnic at Vogt Woods Pavilion, located at 6727 West 171st Street at 11:00 am to dusk.

Lunch will include a pig roast with sides. There will be hot dogs available for the young ones. Bring your favorite homemade dessert to participate in our "Hometown Bake Contest!"

Games will be played throughout the day for all ages. Bring your lawn chairs. Beverages will be provided. Tickets are: Adults $12.00 each (13 years and up), children 5-12 years of age $6.00 and children under the age of 5 are free.

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Pictured: Darcie Brazel

Chief Nurse wins Award

Darcie Brazel, RN, MS, vice president of operations and chief nurse executive at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, IL, has been named a winner of the 2005 Pamela Sabin Recognition Champion Award by the National Association for employee recognition.

The award recognizes individuals who passionately believe in the principles of employee recognition and take the initiative to spread those principles throughout an organization. Brazel was especially praised for her commitment to recognition and for the many ways in which she has demonstrated that commitment for nursing and throughout Christ Medical Center.

Brazel was presented the award at a recent ceremony in Dallas and was further recognized at a Christ Medical Center event on May 6 in honor of National Nurses Week.

Among the programs Brazel initiated are the annual Joyce Wovtek Award for Nursing Excellence, in which a front line nurse is selected by peers for nursing professionalism, compassionate care, teamwork and community involvement; the Advanced Practice Council, which encourages nurses to achieve advanced practice certification and the monthly RISE award, which recognizes nurses who exemplify standards of recognition, improvement, satisfaction and excellence.

Under Brazel's leadership, Christ Medical Center was the first site in the Advocate Health Care system to file a letter of intent with the American Nurses Association's Credentialing Center to pursue Magnet nursing certification. Hospitals who achieve Magnet status in the Magnet Recognition Program for Excellence in Nursing services must meet six criteria in standards of care and eight standards of professional performance. The program is designed to ensure the ongoing delivery of excellence in patient care and promote quality nursing services and in nursing as a profession.

Christ Medical Center is a 662 bed institution that is one of the Chicago area's largest hospitals and has approximately 5,500 employees.

Brazel's 28 year career at Christ Medical Center includes serving as director of surgical services and outpatient health services. In 2000, she was named vice president of operations and in 2002 received the additional title of chief nurse executive.

Letter to the Editor

Marlene Jezorski (Oak Lawn resident)

Fifty years ago when my husband and I started dating, we enjoyed a great steak and double baked potato at a restaurant on 95th St. and Western. It is now the site of the Martinique Drury Lane. The Martinique was then located at 98th St. and Western where we also had many wonderful dinners, danced and enjoyed the theater productions.

The newly built Martinique Drury Lane brought a downtown atmosphere to Evergreen Park. Dining, dancing and theater all wrapped up in one. We were fortunate to see many great productions like: "Cactus Flower", "The Odd Couple", "Picnic" and "That Winslow Boy" to name a few. How lucky could we be when we saw wonderful stars as: Tony Randall, Joseph Cotton, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Pat O'Brien and Darren Mc Gavin. The list goes on and on. The playbills I saved were lost in a basement flood.

The Martinique Drury Lane will be missed. My husband and I have many wonderful memories. We thank all those who were responsible for providing such a great place for all around entertainment.

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Pictured from L. to R.: Maritza Garcia; Erika Sanders; Principal Patricia Nolan-Fitzgerald; Stephanie Koss and Kelly Rantl.

Four Queen of Peace seniors named Golden Apple Scholars

Four graduating seniors from Queen of Peace High School have been named Golden Apple Scholars in Illinois. Each student was awarded a college scholarship and an opportunity to acquire extensive experience in coursework on the art of teaching.

The Golden Apple Scholars program is designed to address the urgent need for resilient and creative teachers to serve Illinois students in economically and educationally disadvantaged schools. The program supports scholars as they pursue and undergraduate education through financial assistance for college and paid summer internships that provide experience in pre student teaching. In return, scholars agree to teach for five years in an Illinois school of high need identified by significant student population from low-income households or performance on state tests.

The Golden Apple Scholars were selected on the basis of their high school performance, several essays and a personal interview with members of the Golden Apple Foundation. They are participating in summer internships at DePaul University.

Maritza Garcia will attend St. Xavier University to study early childhood education; Erika Sanders, English and secondary education at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville; Stephanie Koss, English literature and secondary education at Benedictine University and Kelly Rantl, elementary education at Bradley University.

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Better funding for better schools

The State Legislature and Governor are to be congratulated for their efforts in keeping Educational Funding at the top of their priority list while negotiating the State's Budget during the past legislative session. Improving the foundation level by $250, addressing the poverty count and funding crucial Special Education personnel and transportation costs were very positive moves.

The return of a number of categorical programs that the Governor had initially indicated a desire to cut also helped numerous school districts throughout our State maintain the ability to offer those programs. We encourage the Governor to approve the Education Budget as presented.

Those watching the legislative process, however, are keenly aware that this year's State Budget is balanced by utilizing over a billion dollars of a one time infusion of funds. This one time funding includes the sale of the Thompson Center, the sale of the Toll road palace, the transfer of much needed road construction funds, the auction of a river boat gaming license, a one time federal grant, etc. Next year the challenge our elected state officials face in balancing the budget will be even greater than this year as the economy continues its sluggish pace.

Yet, all the efforts of our elected officials during this legislative session have not resolved the basic long term need to reform the way education is funded. The inequities our students face from school district throughout the state continue to exist. This result in huge gaps in the quality of the education they receive. The growing number of school districts facing insolvency has caused the Illinois State Board of Education to propose legislation to assist without legislative actions each time there is a crisis.

Those interested in addressing the need to reform education funding to insure an adequate education for school children, no matter where they live, must make sure their local legislators and the Governor know of their interest.

One way to help is to become involved in one of the grassroots groups that have formed across the state. One such group from the south suburban area is the "Better Funding for Better Schools Coalition". This coalition is drawing members from all areas of Illinois and you can find out more about them on their website: www.betterfundingforbetterschools.com.

Please consider joining a grassroots coalition to keep education funding reform on the top of that priority list.

Chicago Historical Society calendar of events

The Chicago Historical Society is located on Clark Street at North Avenue. For information call 312-642-4600 or visit the web site at www.chicagohistory.org. The hours are daily from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm and Sundays from noon to 5:00 pm. Suggested admission is $5 for adults, $3 for seniors (ages 65 and older) and students (ages 13-22) with a valid school ID and $1 for children (ages 6 - 12). Mondays are free.

Special Exhibitions:

Youth Performance Series on Wednesdays, July 16 and July 23

This annual CHS series features talented young Chicagoans performing great songs, dances and music for kids. All concerts begin at 1:00 pm.

Tuesdays July 15, 22 and 29 at 9:00 pm featuring **Great Chicago Films**:

Spread out your blanket and spend sweet summer evenings on the CHS' Lincoln Park Plaza enjoying the film made Chicago Sports history. Light refreshments will be sold.

Wednesday, Aug. 13 from 3:00 – 9:00 pm featuring Teen Chicago Steps Out:

Teens can learn great dance steps from countries around the world such as Ireland, New Zealand and Brazil at this free program featuring dance workshops and competitions, spoken word performances and live music. Refreshments will be provided by Connie's Pizza and Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream.

Green Hills Library announces programs

Hammerhead sharks at the library

Join us at 1:00 pm on July 18 to discover the secrets of underwater animals Check out a live demonstration of diving gear and see for yourself the underwater world.

Call the Youth Services Department for more information at 708-598-8446 ext. 19. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Paintings on display at the library

The paintings of Marge Coughlin in Oak Forest will be on display at the Library throughout the month of July. Marge is a member of the Town & Country Art League and has been painting for almost 30 years. She teaches in her home and for several Park Districts in the area. Her latest work is mostly done in the new Genesis Heat Set Oils. Marge's education is from Moraine Valley Community College and the American Academy of Art. She is constantly taking classes and workshops to learn new techniques.

Also on display in July is the Tucker Automobile memorabilia of Steve Hofer. Steve Hofer of Frankfort is a member of the Tucker Automobile Club of America.

Stop in and enjoy these collections the next time you are picking up a book or movie. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Robert Morris debuts Institute of Culinary Arts

Chicago's Robert Morris College will open the doors to its new Institute of Culinary Arts in July, 2003, at its DuPage campus in Aurora, IL.

President Michael Viollt led the school through five years of intense planning and preparation and RMC executive director Nancy Rotunno will head the fully accredited college. More than 70 students are scheduled to attend the accelerated associate degree program this September, with 15 students starting in July.

The Institute of Culinary Arts advisory board, consisting of some of the country's best known chefs, helped guide Rotunno through various stages of the planning process, including advising on the school's curriculum and facility design.

A large demonstration kitchen holds 24 student stations, each with its own Vulcan oven, range, refrigerator and storage. Students are able to watch instructors, other students and international satellite feeds on raised video monitors. An adjoining space mimics a professional grade commercial kitchen that teaches students the inner workings of restaurant life. A tasting room/dining room with climate controlled wine storage completes the new facility.

Students of the Institute of Culinary Arts will receive an associate's degree of applied science after finishing an intensive six quarter program in 15 months. Students can go to earn a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in hospitality management after taking six additional quarters of coursework.

Program tuition is $4,550 per quarter and RMC Culinary is offering introductory scholarships to all students. Financial aid is also available.

For more information about the Institute of Culinary Arts at Robert Morris College, call 877-266-5762 or visit www.robertmorris.edu.

Village of Orland Park Names New Finance Director

The Village of Orland Park is pleased to announce that Annemarie Mampe has been hired as the new Finance Director. She will take over the position as of August 4, 2003.

Annmarie is a CPA with fifteen years of accounting and managerial experience in both the public and private sectors. Mampe's career includes working for the Office of the Cook County Treasurer as the Director of Accounting, with FPT&W, Ltd. as a consulting manager dealing with municipalities, and most recently as the Finance Director for the Village of Richton Park.

Mayor McLaughlin said, "I think that Annemarie will be an asset to the village given the financial, managerial, and municipal background she has to meet the challenges of this position. I'm looking forward to working with her as we begin the budget process for the next fiscal year."

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Pictured: Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka and Lt. Colonel David E. Grindle

Salvation Army held "Donut Day"

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka was a Celebrity Salvation Army volunteer at the Celebrity Corner recently located outside of the Thompson Center in Chicago at their 65th annual Salvation Army "Donut Day."

She also presented Lt. Colonel David E. Grindle, Divisional Commander, a proclamation in recognition of all his work with the Salvation Army in Chicago and throughout Northern Illinois. The theme of Donut Day is "Give help. Restore hope." The Army serves more than one and a half million meals to the needy each year. For more than six decades, money raised on Donut Day feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless and provides other vital services to the less fortunate.

Pictured: Scene from the musical "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers."

New musical set to open at the Fireside

Beginning on July 17 through September 28, The Fireside Dinner Theatre is proud to present a romance as big as all outdoors, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers."

"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" will be performed nine times weekly Wednesday through Sunday. Dining is required for all performances with a variety of menu choices depending upon when you attend.

For tickets or additional information, call 1-800-477-9505, write to The Fireside at P.O. Box 7, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538, or check out the web site at www.firesidetheatre.com.

Pictured: Mary Smith, Vice President from Evergreen Park; Bernadine Cheera from Posen; Rod Zaellner from Tinley Park and Rick Allison, Caller from Oak Lawn.

Swing'n Sugar Squares celebrate graduation

Swing'n Sugar Squares Square Dance Club of Evergreen Park recently held graduation ceremonies for Bernadine Cheera of Posen and Rod Zaellner of Tinley Park who have completed the Mainstream lessons of square dancing.

Evergreen Park Department of Recreation sponsors Swing'n Sugar Squares and the Club has conducted square dance lessons for 25 years.

The graduates will continue Plus lessons at summer workshop classes held at Evergreen Park Community Center, located at 3450 W. 97th Street on Thursday evenings through August 28 except for July 3 and July 24. The workshops are those who have completed Mainstream lessons, want to brush up on their skills and have enjoyable evenings. Lessons for new dancers begin in September. The classes are taught by Rick Allison, one of the most outstanding Callers in the Chicago Area.

More information is with Mary at (708) 424-4775, Hazel at (708) 448-7964 or Hank at (773) 238-5046.

McAuley Theater Festival Celebrates 25 Years

The 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival is bustling with activity this summer as it celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the Festival. This summer's programs include two musicals– "West Side Story" and "Oliver" (for high school thru adult age performers), and "Fiddler on the Roof (Junior)."

Cast of 99th Street Theatre's "West Side Story"

In addition to the shows, this year's program offers three dynamic camps: our Kids Kamp, for children kindergarten thru 9th grade, the High School Dance Camp, and the High School Performance Camp. The program provides a very full summer theatre experience for performers of all ages.

The Festival boasts many theatre professionals as alums of the program. Many of these alums are often found back at the 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival choreographing and teaching in one of the camps. Recently, program alum Joshua Frank (the only member of the Second City Chicago directing staff to win a Joseph Jefferson award for directing) came to teach improvisation to the members of the High School Performers Camp. Josh appeared in shows at Mother McAuley High School during his years as a student at Brother Rice High School. He appeared in several 99th Street Summer Theatre productions, including our last production of "West Side Story," during the 10th season. Josh was a member of a cast that included several talented young people who have gone on to professional theatre careers, including Jeff Dumas (now in "Bounce" at the Goodman); Mary Coleman (professional actress, choreographer, and resident choreographer at McAuley and the 99th Summer Theatre Festival); Heidi Matczycki (professional actress and dancer); Patrick Mullaney (former choreographer for 99th Street, professional dancer, singer, actor– appeared in "Cats" on Broadway); and Jay Johnson (Chicago area dancer, singer, actor).

Many others have been in previous 99th Street Summer Theatre shows, including Stephanie Childers, who played Charlotte in our last production of "Oliver." Stephanie is now starring in the recent production at Steppenwolf Theatre in Chicago; John C. Reilly (movie star who appeared recently in *Chicago* and *Gangs of New York*); Alex Meneses (movie and TV star who has appeared in *Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman* and *Everybody Loves Raymond*); Sue Green (professional actress who has appeared in TV, film, theatre, and print work); Stella Katsoudas (professional singer and recording artist known as Stella Soleil); Joe McDonnell (New York actor and director); Michael Gorugh (New York actor, singer, and dancer); Karen Hyland (New York actress, singer, dancer); Joe Wachota (Broadway actor, singer, dancer now appearing in the Broadway cast of *Mamma Mia*); Christopher Denham (now appearing on Broadway in *Master Harold and the Boys*), and several others.

Many of the current cast members of "West Side Story" and "Oliver" are students in college/university programs studying acting, musical theatre, or musical performance. Although the field is a difficult one to survive in and takes much talent and work, these young artists are inspired by those who have gone before them in the program. With hard work and commitment to the arts, dreams are possible.

For ticket information on the 99th Street Summer Festival shows, call 773-881-6512. Tickets are available for all performances of "West Side Story" on July 10, 11, and 12 at 8 p.m. and for "Oliver" on July 24, 25, and 26 at 8 p.m. and July 27 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $14 for adults and $10 for children under 10.

The 25th Anniversary season culminates on Monday, July 28, with a dinner for all current McAuley theatre students, alums, friends and staff. Tickets are $25 per person for cocktails, dinner, and great memories. Contact Managing Director Pat Haynes at 773-881-6512 for more information or to reserve your spot.

Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land.

—Aldo Leopold

To follow, without halt, one aim: There's the secret of success.

—Anna Pavlova

Seminar for college bound students and parents to be held

The Village of Orland Park Office of Special Services will host an important informational seminar that college bound students and their parents won't want to miss. The seminar will be held at 6:30 p.m. on July 29, 2003 at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue.

A university resident assistant will discuss the ins and outs of college life, what to expect when students first go away to school, firsthand experiences and other important information for college freshman. The RA will be available to answer questions after the presentation.

A representative from Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan's Youth Services Department will give a presentation on Dating Violence Prevention and Club Drugs programs. "Loves Me...Loves Me Not" focuses on alerting parents to the current statistics, signs, symptoms and prevention of dating violence. Community resources and referrals will be made available to attendees along with handouts parents can share with their children.

In addition, the Club Drug presentation will provide parents and students with knowledge about the increased prevalence of designer drugs, signs, symptoms and side effects of use, paraphernalia associated with use, and the club drug culture that attracts young people.

Also participating in the program will be a representative from Illinois Comptroller Dan Hynes's Office talking about credit card debt and its effects on college students. When they enter college, young adults have an array of credit cards from which to choose and many continue to increase their credit card purchase long after graduation. Credit card companies prey on young adults, knowing that their parents will, more often than not, bail their children out when it comes to oversized balances and late payments. Learn how not to fall victim to credit card companies when your teen begins college.

For more information about the seminar, please call the Mayor's Office of Special Services at (708) 403-6138.

McAuley celebrates 25th anniversary

This year, as the 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival celebrates its 25th anniversary season, the memories of 25 years of people who have participated in the program is at the forefront of the celebration. The 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, located at 3737 West 99th Street, will celebrate its 25th anniversary season with a lavish banquet at the Martinique in Evergreen Park on Monday, July 28 from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. Invitations have been sent to actors, crews and orchestra members who have been in the shows over the past 25 years and have kept in touch with the program. Those who have lost touch with the program are also invited and are encouraged to e-mail McAuley at [illegible] or contact Patricia Haynes, Managing Director, at 773-881-6512.

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Studio classes are offered

The Theatre of Western Springs (TWS) presents "Studio", a workshop session for all aspiring actors and actresses who would like to join its acting company. Studio, which is offered at no cost, begins at 7:30 pm Tuesday, July 15, at the Theatre of Western Springs, located at 4384 Hampton Ave. Subsequent Studio sessions take place July 16, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27 and 28.

Few people realize that TWS is a non audition theatre. Graduating from Studio and a season subscription are the only requirements to becoming a member of the acting company. Once through Studio, an actor or actress can be cast as soon as the next play!

Studio II is offered later in the year and is a requirement to maintain acting eligibility. An actor or actress has two years to complete Studio II. Once graduated from both Studio I and II, a participant need never take the classes again.

Taught by Tony Vezner, artistic director at TWS, Studio is open to anyone, regardless of experience. During the Studio sessions, participants join a variety of theatre games and acting activities in a relaxed setting. Attendance is required for at least eight of nine dates and Studio I culminates in a presentation of short scenes.

Some people want to act, some people prefer backstage involvement and some like both. Theatre of Western Springs provides opportunities to one and all to become involved, regardless of experience.

The Theatre of Western Springs is always looking for lobby and backstage volunteers to help during the performances. Taking tickets, finding props and serving refreshments are just some of the responsibilities of the volunteer staff. The theatre offers many learning opportunities. Technical workshops, director's workshops and discussion nights give a person the chance to learn. There is a theatre appreciation workshop where participants celebrate the joy of theatre with stimulating discussions and behind the scenes insight.

The Theatre of Western Springs offers an endless number of opportunities for people to get involved.

Studio is free. There are still openings for the summer session.

For more information about backstage and acting opportunities, call Jan Sorensen at (708) 246-4043.

Cast your vote for the greatest American Dream Kitchen

The time is near! Soon, hundreds of thousands of American homeowners will be called upon to cast their vote for the Greatest American Dream Kitchen.

Hot on the heels of American Idol, creators of America's Greatest Dream Kitchen intend to breathe new life, excitement and prestige into the kitchen design and remodeling industry. With thousands of kitchen designs from thousands of designers, just who will be recognized as the designer of America's Greatest Dream Kitchen? That's a question that American homeowners will have to decide through popular vote.

Unlike American Idol, there's no record contract and maybe the only people who will really care: the 10-million American homeowners who plan to build or remodel a kitchen in the next year. The voting has begun yet the staff of America's Greatest Kitchen is hard at work reviewing submissions to put up at its official website at www.kitchenvote.com.

Those interested in submitting an entry should visit the web site or contact Mr. Salerno at 216-209-4900 or via e-mail at salerno@kitchenvote.com.

Military announces

Pictured: Vincent Francis Bernesi

Marine Corps 2nd Lt. Vincent F. Bernesi, son of Sheila N. and Frank A. Bernesi of Oak Lawn, IL, recently graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. and was commissioned to his current rank in the United States Marine Corps.

Bernesi is a 1998 graduate of St. Laurence High School of Burbank, IL.

Pictured: Kevin Joseph Whirity

Navy Ensign Kevin J. Whirity, son of Karen M. and Joseph A. Whirity of Oak Lawn, IL, recently graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. and was commissioned to his current rank in the United States Navy.

Whirity is a 1998 graduate of Brother Rice High School in Chicago, IL.

Marine Corps Reserve Cpl. John L. Eid, son of Susan G. Young of Evergreen Park, IL, and John J. Eid of Oak Lawn, IL, recently returned from Southwest Asia while assigned to Marine Tactical Air Command Squadron 48, 4th Marine Air Wing, based in Great Lakes, Illinois.

Eid is a 1997 graduate of Evergreen Park High School of Evergreen Park, IL, and joined the Marine Corps Reserve in December 1997.

Civilian Matthew M. McGury, son of Kathy L. McGury of Chicago and Michael McGury of Burbank, IL, recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy under Delayed Entry Program at Naval Air Station, Adak, Alaska.

McGury is completing his senior year at St. Rita High School.

Chapter 1106 held meeting

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Southwest Chicago Metro Chapter 1106, recently installed officers for the 2003–2005 term of office.

State Federation second vice president Richard Kraus gave the "oath of office" to John C. Alitz, president; Mary C. Buckley, first vice president; Eileen Hynes, second vice president; Catherine Alitz Siciliano, secretary; Marian C. Wallgren, treasurer and Trudy S. Martinez, sergeant at arms.

Chapter 1106 meets on a monthly basis and the membership consists of retired federal employees, current federal employees, their spouses and survivors.

For more information, call John at 708-458-1990.

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Pictured: Drivingcourse

Mazda Rev It Up is offering driving instructions

It's one thing to get driving tips from someone named John Smith, but it's a whole other experience to get pointers from a John Rutherford.

Now drivers can brag they picked up improved driving skills from some of the leading names in the motorsports world.

John Rutherford, son of Indy 500 winner Johnny Rutherford, NASCAR's Randy Tolsma and CART Racer Ted Prappas have been selected to be among the instructors at Mazda Rev It Up, the world's largest performance driving school and national driving competition, coming to Balmoral Park on June 20-22.

In addition to being competitors, each has an elite background as a world-class driving instructor.

Joining a pool of dozen top instructors/racers, these four will alternate in different markets, delivering the Mazda Rev It Up "chalk talk," a classroom walk through that touches on all aspects of driving, from the best seating position, to vehicle dynamics, to how to find the proper racing line to skid recovery. The instructors will also evaluate, counsel and assist drivers in one of the three behind the wheel clinics.

Drivers will be able to see how they fare against all others in their class over the weekend and then go to the www.MazdaRevItUp.com website to see how they measure up against drivers across the country.

The cost to participate in Mazda Rev It Up is under $40 and drivers may register online at www.MazdaRevItUp.com or by phone at 877-311-5771.

However, other aspects of Mazda Rev It Up, which encompass free activities, are open to everyone.

Among them are the Mazda Soul of Sports Drive Center where anyone 18 or over with a drivers license can drive the newest Mazda models on a simulated driving course and the Mazda "Zoom-Zoom" Experience, a lifestyle expo with an array of cool interactive activities.

Mazda North American Operations is responsible for the sales and marketing, customer parts and services support of Mazda vehicles in the United States. Headquartered in Irvine, Calif., MNAO has more than 700 dealerships nationwide.

Guide Notice Theatre, July 18-20

The musical theatre classic based on the MGM film, "Singin' in the Rain" will be presented by the Philip Lynch Theatre on the main campus of Lewis University on Route 53 in Romeoville. Performances are at 8:00 pm, and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are $12 for adults, $10 for seniors and students. Reservations are strongly encouraged.

Call (815) 836-5500, Mon-Fri, ... 4:30 pm. Website www.lewisu.edu/plt.

Training begins for AARP TriUmph Classic

The AARP TriUmph Classic 50+ Swim-Bike-Run will be in Naperville, IL, for a third year.

This national short distance triathlon series is comprised of a 400 meter swim, a 20K bike ride and a 5K run/walk. The event has been developed by AARP to encourage regular physical activity among people 50+.

Participants can register as a relay team of two or three people, or register individually. As an event designed for all fitness levels, AARP offers a free USA Triathlon certified coach led training program to all registrants.

The training program is eight weeks long and includes lectures and physical activity classes ranging from how to optimize workouts, to transitioning on the race course and will be held at the following locations:

Health Track Sports & Wellness Center, located at 875 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, IL, on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm from June 18 through August 13.

At Centennial Beach, located at 500 West Jackson Avenue, Naperville, IL, on Saturdays beginning July 19.

At Gaiter Life Center, located at 5157 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, IL, on Mondays at 7:00 pm from June 16 through August 11.

The price for the training is included in the race entry fee of $55 individual or $15 person on a relay team.

Call 1-866-812-AARP (2277) or visit www.aarp.org/triumph for more information or to register.

For more information about the training sessions and a complete schedule, please contact Leslie or Martin Katz at (773) 528-3142 or at leslie.katz@gte.net.

Indiana cars

Early in the 20th century, Indiana was known for producing high priced, classy cars. While Detroit claimed dominance in mass production of automobiles, many Indiana firms produced hand-assembled vehicles that appealed to wealthy clientele worldwide.

From June 29 through July 26, the West Baden Springs National Historic Landmark built as a hotel in 1902 for wealthy, discriminating clientele will host "Made in Indiana Historic Automobile Expo," an exhibit of 14 historic autos created by Indiana manufacturers between 1910 and 1963.

The cars in the exhibit include: 1910 Overland, 1912 Haynes, 1913 Cole Touring Car, 1923 McFarlan, 1924 Cole Royal Sedan, 1927 Marmon straight-eight Racer, 1929 Auburn Boattail Speedster, 1929 Stutz Dual-Cowl Phaeton, 1954 Studebaker President, 1956 Cord Supercharged Beverly, 1936 Duesenberg J. Rollston Town Car, 1962 Studebaker Lark Vintage Hardtop, 1963 Studebaker Grand Turismo Hawk and an early Haynes.

Admission to the "Made in Indiana Historic Automobile Expo" is included in the regular admission price for a guided tour: $10 per adult, $5 per child 13-18, $2 per child 6-12 and children under five are free.

Guided tours through the landmark are offered on the hour, Monday through Saturday, between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm and Sundays, noon to 4:00 pm (including July).

Hickory Hills announces the following

Hickory Hills Park District preschool

The Hickory Hills Park District has openings in the following preschool class:

Mon/Wed/Fri from 12:15 - 3:15 pm for ages 3 1/2 - 5 yrs.

Tues/Thur from 8:45 - 11:45 am for ages 3 1/2 - 5 yrs.

Tues/Thur from 12:15 - 3:15 pm for ages 3 1/2 - 5yrs.

Classes start in September and run through May 2004. Fees range from $380 - $405.

The office is open Monday - Friday from 9 - 5 pm for registration. In order to register child's birth certificate and immunization records are required.

For more information, please call 598-1233.

Country Time perfects a favorite summertime drink

The start of summer is looking a little more refreshing these days as Country Time introduces new Country time Iced Tea with Lemon.

Country Time, which is well known for its lemonade flavor drinks, is providing consumers with a new summertime iced tea product that will hit store shelves beginning this month. The ready to drink Country Time Iced Tea with Lemon offers consumers a thirst quenching blend of tea, sweetness and natural lemon flavor. It also helps expand the Country Time brand portfolio into a popular beverage category.

In addition to the introduction of Country Time Iced Tea with Lemon, Country Time recently rolled out a new look for the brand. The new packaging designs for Country Time Lemonade Flavor Drink and Country Time Pink Lemonade Flavor Drink feature a larger, more prominent logo and a new backdrop designed to communicate the brand's classic image and refreshing flavor.

Country Time is registered trademark of Kraft Foods, produced under license by Plano, Texas-based Dr Pepper/Seven Up, Inc.

For more information about Dr Pepper/Seven Up and its brands, visit www.dpsu.com.

Great America tickets available at a discount

Anyone may purchase Great America tickets at a discount at the Kasey Meadow Rec. Center located at 8047 W. 91st Place, Monday through Friday from 9 - 5pm.

Tickets are $31.50 and are valid for anyone three and up. Tickets are good for the entire operating season. Anyone three years and under is free.

Save money and time in line by purchasing tickets at the park district.

For more information, please call our office at 598-1233.

Hickory Hills Park District Bright Beginnings

There are still openings in the following Bright Beginning class available:

Tues/Thur 9:00 - 11:30 am for ages 3 - 3 1/2 yrs.

Classes start in September and run through May 2004. The fee is $290. The office is open Monday - Friday from 9 - 5 pm for registration. In order to register child's bright certificate and immunization records are required.

For more information, please call 598-1233.

De LaSalle announces the following

Karen Furlong named teacher of the year

De La Salle Institute proudly announces that Karen Furlong has been chosen as the Teacher of the Year at the Main Campus for the 2002-03 school year.

Furlong, who has spent the past four years at De La Salle, teaches freshman English, junior American Literature, sophomore Humanities and Writing & Design of Publications. Furlong received her award at De La Salle's annual faculty and staff luncheon.

De La Salle congratulates Furlong on her award and wishes her many more years of success in the classroom.

Tolton Centers hold honors days

De La Salle Institute proudly announces that its three Tolton Centers recently held their Honors Days in which the students and staffs who comprise the Tolton family were lauded for their efforts and achievements during the 2002-03 school year.

Pictured: Receiving awards for this year: front row seated L to R.: Ashley Garrison, Morgan Park H.S., Nichole Dorner, Evergreen Park H.S., Amy McCormick, Evergreen Park H.S., Mary Claire Hogan, Mother McAuley; Theresa Kurzeja, Mother McAuley; Molly Barnum, Morgan Park H.S.

Back row standing L. to R.: Michael Roland, St. Rita; Patrick Fitzgerald, Morgan Park Academy; Patrick Kennelly, Mt. Carmel; Thomas Murphy, Mt. Carmel; Taylor Kezzior, Mother McAuley; Matthew Morrin, Mt. Carmel; Richard Rowan, St. Rita; Thomas Goldrick, St. Ignatius.

Not pictured: Mateusz Tomkowiak, Chicago H.S. for the Agricultural Sciences.

Beverly Hills University Club awards 15 scholarships

Following its 79th annual meeting on June 13th, The Beverly Hills University Club Scholarship Foundation (BHUCSF) awarded $28,000.00 in scholarships to fifteen local high school students.

The BHUCSF annually awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors who live in the Ridge district. Over its 79 year history, the club has awarded over $1.1 million in scholarships.

The BHUCSF raises most of the funds for these scholarships by producing a musical in the spring of each year. The producers, Bob and Christine Graham and Marjorie McCaw and Tom Fagan announced that the spring 2004 show would be the delightful "Fiddler on the Roof."

Oak Lawn's Crot named to Academic All-America Team

Kimberly Crot's big numbers were not just limited to the basketball court at Morton College.

After finishing her two semesters at Morton College with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average, the Oak Lawn resident also came away with two of the most prestigious academic honors community college student-athletes may attain.

The 5-9 guard from Richards High School was the female winner of the Skyway Conference's Dick Durrant Academic Athlete of the Year Award. It goes to the student-athlete with the conference's highest grade-point average. She also receives a $100 scholarship from the conference for future educational expenses.

Durrant, a former athletic director at Elgin Community College, championed the philosophy of academic as well as athletic excellence.

Crot also was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association's Distinguished All-America Academic Team. Distinguished All-Americas are those student-athletes with a 3.8 grade-point average or higher.

It is the third straight year a Morton College student-athlete has received this honor. Crot, an all-Second Team Skyway selection, was the top scorer on a 3-26 Panther squad this season.

She scored a season-high 30 points in a 60-51 loss to Harper and had games of 25 against Indiana University Northwest; 22 against Waubonsee and 22 against Sauk Valley.

"We're very proud of the way Kim represented Morton College in the classroom and on the basketball court," said George Fejt, Morton College's coordinator of athletics. "She epitomizes what we at Morton College envision as the true student-athlete."

Oak Lawn Bible Church holds VBS

From July 21st through July 25th, Oak Lawn Bible Church will hold it's annual Vacation Bible School at 9455 S. 54th Ave., Oak Lawn from 9 am to 12 noon.

This year's theme is "CODE and J.E.S.U.S." For more information, call (708) 857-9800.

Pictured: Top row from L. to R.: Mary Martin Moskal, Mary Alice Nebel Roche, Pat O'Donnell Hoeksema, Marion McFarland.

Bottom row: Julie Diggins Kuenn, Sallie Wiechern King, Suzie McKeon. Committee member Ann O'Flaherty not pictured.

McAuley holds golf outing at Stony Creek

The St. Xavier Academy Mother McAuley Alumnae Association will host its annual golf outing, "Putt & Party 2003" on Friday, August 8 at Stony Creek Golf Course in Oak Lawn.

A buffet dinner and raffle will be part of the outing with all net proceeds going to financial assistance to students. The Mother McAuley Class of '73 is holding its 30th reunion as part of the golf outing.

Golf starts at 2:30 pm followed by the buffet at 5:30 pm. A fee of $65 covers both golf (with cart) and buffet and for non golfers it's $25 for the buffet only. A raffle will also be part of the evening activities. Contact the Alumnae Office at 773-881-6560 for a registration form or go online at www.mothermcauley.org to download the form.

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Knowledge of human nature is the beginning and the end of a political education.

—Henry Brooks Adams

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Pictured from L.: Ed Buettner, President of I.B.E.W.; Mike Fenger, Director of Labor and Mike Fitzgerald, Business Manager/Financial Secretary, I.B.E.W. Local No. 134.

Director of Labor for Illinois has been appointed

Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich has announced the appointment of Mike Fenger as Director of Labor for the State of Illinois. Fenger has been a major leader in the Illinois Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Pictured from L.: Bill Hood, marketing director for LANSA; scholarship recipient Tanya Advani (Palos Hills); Deborah Poropat, professor/department chair of Information Management of Systems and Business at Moraine Valley; Michelle August, instructor and coordinator of Information Management Systems at Moraine Valley; scholarship recipient Tina Oswald (Oak Lawn) and Lynda Stickelmaier, manager of LANSA Partners in Education and Moraine Valley's LANSA contact.

Two Moraine students earn LANSA scholarships

Two Moraine Valley students have received $500 scholarships from LANSA, Inc. for their achievement in the area of e-commerce coursework at the college.

Bill Hood, marketing director of LANSA, presented Tanya Advani (Palos Hills) and Tina Oswald (Oak Lawn) with their scholarships during a reception last month on campus. Hood congratulated the two students for their participation and success within the e-commerce curriculum.

Lynda Stickelmeier, manager of LANSA Partners in Education and Moraine Valley's LANSA contact, also was on hand to congratulate the scholarship recipients.

Last year, LANSA, Inc., which provides leading edge software to businesses, formed a partnership with Moraine Valley to encourage students to continue study in the field of e-commerce based information technology. Moraine Valley currently offers an e-commerce development concentration within its Associate in Applied Science degree program as well as an e-commerce generalist certificate.

For more information about e-commerce program at Moraine Valley, call Michelle August, instructor and Management Information Systems coordinator at the college, at 708-974-5339.

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"Common sense" is the set of prejudices acquired by age eighteen.

—Albert Einstein

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Pictured: Moraine Valley Community President Dr. Vernon O. Crawley and Dr. Roseann Runte, President of Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA.

New partnership established

Moraine Valley Community College and Old Dominion University (ODU), a public university in Norfolk, Virginia, have forged a partnership that will provide area students an opportunity to earn a bachelor's and/or master's degree on Moraine Valley's campus.

Beginning this fall, ODU will offer courses through Moraine Valley's Center for Advanced Studies via TELETECHNET, a distance learning network specifically developed to enable area students to earn bachelor's and/or master's degrees from a fully accredited university without having to attend classes at Old Dominion's main campus. Moraine Valley is the only college in Illinois to be part of this educational system.

Old Dominion University is currently using this technology throughout Virginia, as well as in Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, North Carolina and Washington.

This agreement will allow students to complete their first two years of college at Moraine Valley and then continue taking classes on the Moraine Valley campus to earn their bachelor's and/or master's degrees taking classes on the Old Dominion University.

Reasonable tuition rates of $173 (undergraduate) per credit hour will apply to all students. Degrees offered will include bachelor's degrees in Business Administration (including Accounting, Information Systems, Marketing, Finance and Management); Computer Science; Criminal Justice; Engineering Technology (including Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering); Health Sciences (including a Counseling or Management minor); Human Services Counselling; Interdisciplinary Studies (including Professional Communication); Nursing (from RN to BSN) and Occupational and Technical Studies and master's degrees in Engineering Management; Nursing (including Nursing Systems) and Occupational and Technical Studies.

For more information about the TELETECHNET program visit Old Dominion's TELETECHNET Web site at www.odu.edu/home distance.html, or call (800) 968-2638.

Moraine Valley 2003 summer school sets record

The 2003 summer school credit enrollment at Moraine Valley rose to a record high of 9,516 students, a six percent increase over last summer's record enrollment.

Students registered for 43,865 credit hours, an 11 percent increase over summer 2002.

This summer's enrollment marks the fourth consecutive summer Moraine Valley has experienced an increase. The majority of students enrolled, 57 percent, are taking college transfer classes and 30 percent of the students are enrolled in career program courses. Female students far outnumber males, making up 63 percent of the enrollment, while in-district students account for 82 percent of the enrollment.

For more information, call mark Horstmeyer, director of College and Community Relations, at 708-974-5275, or e-mail horstmeyer@morainevalley.edu.

Pictured: Diana Flerick (Palos Heights)

Student takes helm of Moraine Valley student government

A future nurse from Palos Heights wants to lend a helping hand at Moraine Valley before she does so in the operating room.

Diana Flerick, a sophomore who attended Mount Assissi Academy in Lemont, is the new president of the Student Government Association.

She does have a couple issues to pursue. She would like to make College 101, a course that prepares new students for college, optional rather than required and she would like to have more classes available because "this is a good school."

Flerick wants to be a nurse anesthetist. She plans to attend St. Xavier University after she graduates from the nursing program at Moraine Valley.

For more information, call Mark Horstmeyer, director of College and Community Relations, at 708-974-5272 or e-mail horstmeyer@morainevalley.edu.

Brother Rice names Weick head wrestling coach

Brother Rice School Principal James Antos has announced the hiring of Bill Weick as the school's head wrestling coach.

Weick was previously the head wrestling coach at Mt. Carmel for 18 seasons where he amassed a 303-48-1 record, including three consecutive Class AA titles from 92-94. During his tenure at Mt. Carmel, Weick also produced an IHSA record 21 individual state champions.

Weick was an NCAA champion wrestler for Northern Iowa in the 157 pound weight class in 1952 and 1955. He was also the IHSA champion for Tilden High School in the 155 pound weight class in 1949.

The story behind the symphony

The Chicago Ridge Public Library has been selected as one of four suburban libraries to host a Ravinia Festival musicologist to discuss Berlioz "Symphony Fantastique" on July 31 at 7:00 pm.

Please join us for an evening of music and conversation. The program is free, but call 423-7753 to reserve a seat. Attendees are eligible for a "musical" raffle prize.

The Chicago Ridge Public Library is located at 10400 S. Oxford (Ridgeland Ave., two blocks east on Washington).

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Secretay of State offers hints

Summer officially begins on June 21 and summertime heat and humidity will be here soon. Motorists are reminded that hot weather can strain engines and lead to vehicle malfunctions. With a little preventive maintenance, many warm weather car problems can be avoided. If your car does malfunction, know what to look for and how to correct it.

Q.: What preventative maintenace should be done?

A.: Inspect the coolant levels in the reservoir and in the radiator. If coolant is rustcolored, flush the system according to your owner's manual and fill it with a 50/50 mixture of anti-freeze and water. Inspect oil, air and fuel filters and replace them if they are dirty. Check belts and hoses for cracks and brittleness.

Q.: What are the symptoms of a malfunctioning cooling system?

A.: An illuminated temperature warning light, an engine gauge that reads "hot" or is in the red stage, steam rising from the engine, or coolant dripping under the car.

Q.: What should I do if these symptoms occur?

A.: Turn off the engine and open the hood to let the engine cool. Look for leaks in the radiation system and check the coolant level in the reservoir. Do not remove the radiator cap while the engine is hot!

If there are no apparent leaks, restart the engine with accessories off and turn the heater on high to draw heat away from the engine block. Apply the accelerator slightly above idle to circulate the coolant in the system. If it fails, turn the air conditioner on to increase coolant flow through the engine. If the temperature gauge still reads "hot", keep the hood open and wait about one hour for the engine to cool completely.

Evergreen Park Youth sponsors summer outings

Evergreen Park Youth of the Evergreen Park Community Center is sponsoring several trips throughout the month of July for anybody 12 years on up.

On July 16, they are planning a trip to Six Flags Great America theme park, which will cost $50. If you have a free ticket, only $20 is needed to cover bussing fees.

A trip to Gameworks in Schaumburg is scheduled for July 23 for $35. Gameworks contains a large variety of interactive and virtual reality games that are enjoyable for any youth.

To top off this month, an outing to Deep River Water Park in Merrillville, Indiana is slated for July 30. The cost will be $30.

To obtain more information or reserve a spot on these trips, call the Evergreen Park Community Center at 229-3377. Also, inquire about information regarding skateboarding, paintball, rockclimbing, and cosmic bowling.

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Orland begins path to a downtown

by David Vognar

Since its unprecedented economic boom almost two decades ago, residents of the bustling village of Orland Park have noticed that their town is missing something. Certainly it cannot be a megaplex mall, for the town is home to Orland Square, a magnet for suburban shoppers of all shapes and sizes. The village doesn't lack for attractive subdivision housing or serene parks and recreation areas, either. What the town is missing—a subject that has been on the front of Orland Park Village President Dan McLaughlin's mind for ten years now—is a downtown. However, steps taken at the Monday, July 7 Board of Trustees meeting mark the first moves to fit that ellusive piece into the puzzle.

The board ratified a resolution to hire Mesirow Stein Development to spearhead the project of creating a new downtown in the area between 143rd Street and LaGrange, 143rd Street and Southwest Highway and the northern end of the viaducts, forming a triangle-like area. The board cited Mesirow Stein's vision for the area, its capital and its ability to take on debt as vital characteristics to the success of the project. Mesirow Stein will negotiate an agreement concerning the project and return to the board in 6 months for future discussion. "I look forward to what this team is going to bring forth," said Trustee Brad S. O'Halloran.

Earlier in the year, an ad hoc committee—consisting of Metra representatives, Trustee Kathleen Fenton, Bob Sullivan and Village President Daniel J. McLaughlin, of note—was formed to research developers for the project. Integral to the creation of a downtown, and a primary concern, was the integration of a new Metra station to service the area. Metra had received a $250- $350 million grant to improve its southwest services by the end of 2005, and desired an 1100-space parking station.

Known more commonly as the Metra-triangle area, Orland Park's proposed downtown center would serve a myriad purposes for the town. First and foremost, the area would be transit-oriented. However, commercial sectors would also be integrated in the area. Conceivably, the most difficult facet of the project will be negotiating deals with private property owners to acquire properties for the project. This aspect was also a concern of Trustee Edward Schussler, who requested that Mesirow Stein talk with business at the proposed project's location about helping their businesses during construction.

But if past experience has any significance, Mesirow Stein is more than qualified to handle both the fiscal and personal sides to this project. Having been responsible for the creation of the Deerfield, Glenview and Northlake, IL village centers, as well as designing and seeing to fruition the new University of Illinois-Circle campus, the team of Mesirow Stein has years of know-how, and the wherewithal to perform the operation. Mesirow Stein representative Richard Stein agreed: "We believe that our portfolio of work is of high quality. We certainly will not let you down."

Mesirow Stein has also worked with citizens, fielding their concerns and paring down and adjusting their various development plans as a reaction to citizen input, as was the case in the building of a car garage in Palatine, IL. And Orland Park is hoping for the company to bring the same brand of dedication and citizen concern to the table with this new project.

Bill Finn, of Orland Park, receives congratulations from Dr. Vernon O. Crawley (left), president of Moraine Valley, and Mary Nolan, member of the Moraine Valley Board of Trustees. Finn was recognized as the 2003 Moraine Valley Nancy Blane Guerra Service Award recipient. Finn is the director of Athletics and men's head basketball coach.

National Night out

This year's observance will be the 20th anniversary for this annual national event. Night Out is an evening of activities for all ages, along with opportunities to learn more about public and personal safety. Residents across the country are encouraged to turn on their porch lights as a statement against crime before joining the festivities held in their towns.

For more information call 708-349-4111.

Oak Forest to celebrate night out

by David Vognar

At the city of Oak Forest Tuesday, July 8 City Council meeting, the village of Olympia Fields expressed its sincere gratitude to the city for the special use of its police forces, as an added security measure during the U.S. Open held at Olympia Fields golf course. Olympia Fields representative Robert Small thanked Oak Forest for making the event, attended by thousands of golf enthusiasts from across the nation, a success. Small also informed the city that Olympia Fields would lend a hand to Oak Forest if any need arose.

Thanks were also offered by Metra for the help the city gave in the provision of shuttle bus service to the hundreds of commuters who were affected by the burning of the Riverdale bridge at 159th and Cicero. The destruction of the bridge was one of the biggest disasters Metra has ever faced, and the transportation service thanked Oak Forest for its invaluable aid. The council approved a resolution endorsing the Chicago Southland Development Corporation H.O.M.E. grant, a chance for single mothers or single families to rehabilitate their home, said city administrator Kent D. Royster. The grant specifically applies to homes within the city, and other qualifications, such as a specific income to qualify, will be forthcoming. Interested parties should contact city hall at 687-4050 for further information.

The council ran into a sticky-wicket during the consent-agenda proceedings, as a requested side yard setback variation for a home on Rob Roy Drive fueled debate on the council floor. A requested variation from the required 6 feet to 3 feet was found to be a moot point, as the owner of the home, as it was discovered, had already built his deck before obtaining a permit. A typical fine for such an instance can be more than $750. Extensive discourse later gave birth to a further dilemma, concerning the prudence of including variations for fences, pools, or side yards in the consent agenda to be voted on directly by the City Council.

Alderman Gregory A. Simos argued for including variation considerations in the agenda of the Planing and Zoning Committee. There has to be a finding of facts, a little investigation, he said. Typically, variation items on the consent agenda are desires, whereas variations that are researched by the Planning and Zoning Committee are need-based items that must be investigated prior to council voting. In both cases, the council makes a final decision. The council decided to remain with the status quo until city administrators could devise a more time considerate system.

The park district announced the time and date for Oak Forest National Night Out, to be held Tuesday, August 5th at the city gazebo. The boy scouts of St. Damien's parish will be on hand, as well as a tae kwan do expert who will demonstrate karate techniques. Also scheduled to make an appearance is State's Attorney Joe Birkett, who recently ran a losing campaign against Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan. The event, to run from 6:30 until 8:30, highlights the community's stance against drugs, gangs and violence.

The city promised to look into its fiscal situation to possibly procure a sufficient amount of funding to pave Cathleen Court, in response to residents complaints. City officials will attempt to have the developer of the area foot the bill, but it will also look into making a budget adjustment to make room for the paving costs.

Safety engineer recognized for outstanding service

Occupational safety expert Kenneth W. Wengert, C.S.P., A.R.M., of Winnetka, Illinois will received the celebrated Charles V. Culberton Award at the American Society of Safety Engineer's (ASSE) annual Professional Development Conference in Denver, Colorado June 22-25.

A member of ASSE since 1981, Wengert has been recognized for his hard work recently as head of a Society Task Force on human error.

The Charles V. Culberton Award is named after ASSE's late vice president of communications. The award recognizes select members of the executive board, national committee members and practice speciality officers who have helped advance the occupational safety, health and environmental profession through exemplary volunteer service to the society during the past year.

Wengert received his Bachelor of Science in Industrial Safety Management from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Indiana, Pennsylvania.

As chair of the task force in charge of the ASSE Management Symposium, Wengert helped create the "Human Error in Occupational Safety" symposium, which addressed the importance of understanding human error in the workplace and how it affects safety workers.

Rather than look at behavioral safety, the symposium examined errors that occur in workplace systems and how to make those systems better. People attending the symposium were able to get a better understanding of the type of human error that can occur, as well as the causes and the solutions when things are not engineered or produced with the worker in mind.

For more information check ASSE's web site at www.asse.org.

Pictured: Kent A. Nelson, President and CEO

T.J. Adams Group president appointed to crime commission board

T.J. Adams Group, LLC, one of Chicagoland's largest independent insurance brokers, is proud to announce that Kent A. Nelson, president and chief executive officer of T.J. Adams Group, has been named to the Board of Directors of the Chicago Crime Commission (CCC).

Prior to joining the board, Nelson served as one of the CCC's 150 members for the past two years. Nelson was elected to the board for a three year term by the current board of directors. Nelson's interest in CCC originated several years ago while serving on the five hospital Foundation Board with past President Thomas B. Kirkpatrick, who is currently the President of CCC.

Nelson is one of the 43 board representatives from Greater Chicago. These individuals hold leadership positions for corporate and professional firms, ranging from the financial industry to manufacturing to law. This corporate force is committed to improving the quality of public safety and participates on various committees to support the CCC's programs and activities. Directors also sponsor and attend special events and conferences on subjects such as white collar crime and cybercrime. Founded in 1919, the CCC is the oldest, largest and most respected citizens' crime commission in the nation. The organization acts as a liaison to bring corporate leadership together with the criminal justice system, community groups, schools, media sources and others to bring meaningful reductions in crime and violence, such as gun violence, youth crime, street gang activity, terrorism and organized crime.

The CCC is active in numerous programs and collaborates with a variety of private; and public resources to accomplish each program's goals. For example, City, County, State and Federal Law Enforcement Partner, along with Community groups such as the CCC, began a major initiative, Project Safe Neighborhoods one year ago. This program cracks down on felons with guns by using the threat of lengthy time in federal prison, tracking guns and gang bangers and encouraging community residents to get involved.

ITT dedicates new buildings

Illinois Institute of Technology (ITT) and its world famous Mies van der Rohe designed Chicago campus will be complemented this year by its first new buildings in 40 years. Save the dates now for two of this years's most important openings in architecture.

Tuesday, July 22, 2003, form 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm: Helmut Jahn will meet reporters at his new state of the art student residence hall, State Street Village, his first new buildings in Chicago in more than a decade.

Tuesday, September 30, 2003, from 10:00 am to noon: 2000 Pritzker Architecture Prize Laureate Ron Koolhaas will lead reporters through his first completed building in North America, The McCormick Tribune Campus Center.

At both press openings, reporters and critics will receive complete press packets for the new buildings along with information on ITT's ongoing revitalization of its historic Mies Campus. Images will also be provided. Both new buildings are located at the intersection of South State and 33rd Streets, approximately four miles south of Chicago's Loop.

For more information please contact Phil Rozen (312-567-5057) (e-mail rozen @itt.edu) or Chris Robling (312-658-0445 (e-mail crobling @ jaynethompson.com).

State library participates in digital talking book project

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has announced that the Illinois State Library Talking Book and Braille Service will oversee and participate in a one year, multi state pilot project offering digital talking books to visually impaired and physically challenged library users.

White said the Lobe Library will offer digital talking books to readers from July 2003 to June 2004. Patrons participating in the TBBS Talking Book program who have a temporary or permanent physical or visual inability to read regular printed material are eligible to participate in the pilot program.

They will receive a regular free handheld MP-3 type player loaded with a digital audio book, headphones, an instruction sheet and an evaluation survey. Patrons will be able to test the player for three weeks. In June 2004 a national electronic book expert will write an evaluation report based upon the experiences of readers who participate to determine if and how the service will be continued and whether it should be expanded nationwide.

White said three of Illinois' regional Talking Book Centers located in Pekin, Carterville and Geneva are also participating in the program, along with libraries in Hawaii, New Jersey and Mississippi.

Persons interested in signing up for the pilot program may contact the Illinois State Library Talking Book and Braille Service at 1-800-665-5576, extension 5, or psalamon@ilsos.net.

For information about the Lobe Library, visit http://www.lobelibrary.org/page/page438618.htm

Give a book a home

The Polish Museum of America needs space, therefore it must find a home for duplicate books and books of non Polish subject matter. If you love books. This is the place to purchase books at great prices and give them a home.

The book sale will be on Saturday, July 26, 2003 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Polish Museum, first floor social hall, located at 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago IL.

For information, call 773-384-3352 ext. 101.

Classes offered for Poland's art of paper cutting

Wycinanki (pronounced Vi-chee-non-key), or Polish paper cutting, is a folk art that began in rural Poland in the early part of the 19th century. Peasants devised this simplistic art form to decorate their homes.

Doris Sikorsky has created traditional paper cut designs for 27 years, after becoming interested in her Polish heritage following the death of her grandpartents. Recently, she has started teaching her craft to an 11 year old apprentice. Doris feels that once the traditional artform has been mastered, it is important to bring designs from our own modern lifestyle into the art of Wycinanki, so that the art will evolve and flourish.

Beginner class will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2003 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and the advanced class (for those who attended last year) will be held from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Guest Instructor is Doris Sikorsky.

The fee for PMA members is $4.00 (name on membership card), $ 8.00 for non members and $3.00 for children under 12. Children should be accompanied by an adult. Fees include materials and refreshments. Bring your own scissors, or use ours. Classes will be held at PRCUA Social Hall, located at 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago IL.

Reservations with payment are required for workshop. For information, call 773-384-3352, ext. 104.

Local church leaders invited for worldwide update

All local church pastors, missions staff and committee members and lay leaders are invited to attend the next pastor's briefing scheduled for Monday, July 7, 2003 at the Bible Leagues's international headquarters in Crete, IL.

International Bible League staff will give first hand reports about God's work in unexpected places. The focus of this briefing will be Central and Southeast Asia. Directors from those areas will be presenting incredible reports of God's ability to change individuals, families and communities. The purpose of these briefing is to serve as a resource to local churches. Since the Bible League is an international ministry, with ministry in 48 countries and Scripture placement in an additional 21, the Bible League has the sources and resources to help local congregations as they seek to keep abreast of the growth of Christianity around the world.

Reserve your place for the 9:00 - 11:00 am briefing by calling the toll free number below, ext. 8598. Seating is limited to the first 100 respondents. A light refreshment will be served.

For more information, please contact the Bible League toll free 866-825-4636, e-mail e-News@Bible League. org, or visit www.Bible League. org.

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Water's edge gives Worth a greens report

At its Tuesday, July 1 meeting, the village of Worth's Board of Trustees indulged Water's Edge golf club village liaison Steve Dell, who informed the board of the course's current fiscal status. Dell works for the village-commissioned Kemper Sports Management, a golf course management firm ranking in the top 5 nationally. At the behest of the village, Dell explained to board members the current pecuniary statistics of the course, its history, and made prognostications for the future.

The village originally hired Kemper in 1998, having mentored over 60 other towns from its corporate headquarters in Northbrook, IL. Kemper helped steer the opening of Water's Edge, which occurred in May of 1999 at its current location at 7205 W. 115th Street. And since then the course has skyrocketed both in profits and popularity, exceeding expectations on many fronts.

For instance, from the course's opening in1999 to this year the average yearly money taken in has been $2,214,000, well out-distancing the projected figure of $1,914,000. Costs have also been lower than forecasted; the course's average operating cost, excluding food and merchandise, is $1,158,000 annually, while its projected expenditures are $1,294,000. Unlike the federal government, Worth's golf course actually seems to be able to balance the budget, and even make a surplus.

However, what the course is slowly raking in, besides the auspicious dollar figures—and what may prove to be more valuable as the golf course, and its players, age—is good reputation and word-of-mouth buzz among formerly-sated Chicagoland golfers. Water's Edge may be a southwest suburban golf course, but its reputation is a la northwest suburban greens. (One of the courses Dell identified as stiff competition included Lemont's Cog Hill, home to this year's Western Open.) Currently a higher-end golf facility, Water's Edge is fine in fettle as things stand now, but its managers are pinning to parley the current successes into the future. "We do have some challenges ahead of us here. Golf as a whole, nationwide, has stayed flat for over two years now," said Dell. Current problems, which could have a bearing on the golf club's future, include the inability to refinance its bonds, a weak economy, a "flat growth" of the sport in general, and the area's unpredictable weather. With over one-fourth of Water's Edge's clientele hailing from Chicago, reaching out to both suburban and city-dwellers is also a primary concern.

However, Dell and Kemper are far from up the proverbial creek without paddles. Plans for sustaining the course's good fortunes include considering partners or investors to join forces with the course, starting a grass-roots e-mail campaign to extend popularity and equipping a GPS system to new golf carts. Considering the current success of Worth's golf course in an economic period in which consumers are very reluctant to part with their discretionary income, any gloomy prospects might seem overcautious.

Nevertheless, Worth is putting forth its due diligence to be sure that Water's Edge will be a staple of the southwest suburbs for years to come. Trustee Georgia Prendergast would concur: "We're dealing with a changing economy right now, and I believe this board is dealing with it, as is Kemper."

Chicago Ridge announces meetings

The following meetings will take place at the Chicago Ridge Village Hall, located at 10455 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge. The entrance is on the east side of the building and begin at 7:00 pm .

August 12: **Come to my house**: A garden in progress field trip to the home of Sue Collins
Sept. 9: **Garden Stories**: True plants, failure and stars, problems in general
Oct. 14: **Perennials - an overview**: Barb Bridges of Sid's Greenhouse
Nov. 11: **Good, bad and ugly - bug stories**: featuring Nancy Kuhajda
Dec. 9: **Christmas get together**

Non member fee is $2.00. Call 708-636-7931 for more information.

Please note, the meeting in August will be held at a private home. Please call for directions

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If you don't run your own life, somebody else will.
—John Atkinson

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Palos Hills Resident Receives Scholarship

Courtney Sylvano, of Palos Hills, receives congratulations from Dr. Vernon O. Crawley (left), president of Moraine Valley, and Sandra Wagner, member of the Moraine Valley Board of Trustees. Sylvano was recently honored as a Joann Karen Basick Memorial Scholarship recipient at the college's Academic Scholarsip Ceremony.

House Bill to freeze university tuition

House Bill 1118, sponsored by State Senator Ed Maloney (D-Chicago) will "freeze" tuition for first year Illinois students who enroll after the 2003-2004 academic year at many Illinois universities.

State Senator Ed Maloney, sponsor of House Bill 1118

This bill encompasses the University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois University, Governor State University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois University, and Western Illinois University.

"This bill will allow students the ability to budget for a college education without unexpected tuition increases," Maloney said. "This is important to keep students who cannot afford increases in their tuition every year in college for the duration of their education."

From 1992 through 2001, tuition at four-year public colleges and universities rose faster than family income in 41 states, and tuition at two-year public colleges increased faster than family income in 34 states, according to Losing Ground: A National Status Report on the Affordability of American Higher Education. In Illinois, tuition at public two-year institutions increased 13% (from $1,397 to $1580) and tuition at public four-year institutions increased 27% (from $3,326 to $4,215) while median family income increased 18% (from $59,433 to $70,055).

House Bill 1118 applies only to Illinois students for only the four initial academic years following initial enrollment (or for undergraduate programs that require more than four years to complete, for the normal time to complete the program, as determined by the University). Maloney's bill also addresses the instance in which a student changes majors during the four year time period, allowing for tuition adjustments equal to what is charged for the new major's program costs.

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Pictured: 25 out of the 29 area resident campers with assistant coach Bob Brodsky and head coach Stan Bartecki (back row left to right) and assistant coaches Kim Jirik and Tracy Lehner (back row on the right and left to right)

McAuley's 2003 running camp was a success

The Running Macs at Mother McAuley High School completed their 8th annual " Summer Running, summer Not" running camp last week 29 young and energetic girls ranging in ages from 10 to 14 put in close to a 10 mile week while learning the basics of a beginning running program.

Camp was held at Mother McAuley High School and included talks on nutrition. running safety and an introduction to high school cross country track and field.

All four instructors are cross country track and field coaches at Mother McAuley.

Little Company announces new nursing scholarship

Area junior and senior nursing students are eligible for a new nursing scholarship at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers.

The new Martin J. Ozinga Jr. Scholarship Award at Little Company will provide tuition reimbursement to a junior or senior nursing student enrolled in an accredited nursing program, including diploma. associate. or baccalaureate program.

This scholarship is made possible by the first Evergreen Foundation's gift to the Mary Potter Endowment Fund of the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation.

Nurses at Little Company have earned great respect for their abilities as compassionate health care practitioners. They have been ranked among the highest quality nurses in the south and southwest areas of Chicagoland, according to a study by National Research Corporation.

This scholarship will help Little Company to continue to attract top quality nurses to continue highly rated nursing care to Little Company's patients.

Applicants must be in good academic standing and maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5. Potential candidates also must demonstrate nursing competence and leadership skills in professional or community service and be within four semesters of graduation. The monetary award, covers one-year tuition and is paid directly to the school in the name of the student.

The amount awarded is variable depending on the college or university that the student is attending. Potential candidates may be nominated by their school or apply on their own for the scholarship.

Students interested in applying for the Ozinga Scholarship Award should contact their school advisors for an application or Jennifer Hahn in Patient Care Services Administration at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers at (708) 229-5405

To commemorate former Mayor Ernest F. "Ernie" Kolb. the Village View pays tribute through a collage of articles and photos reflecting what this man has done throughout his terms as mayor of Oak Lawn. The Village View felt it necessary to honor this man. who has impacted the lives of many throughout his twenty-five years of leadership for the Village of Oak Lawn.

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Pictured from L. to R. back row: Jessica Ricci. Megan Sullivan. Stephanie Adams. Heather Adams. Elizabeth Nolan. Megan Yerkes
L. to R. front row: Heather Daly. Danny Nowicki. Katelyn Daugherty. Danielle Kapelinski

Oak Lawn announced winners of Children's Clothesline Art Festival

Oak Lawn Park District announced the winners from its second annual Children's Clothesline Art Festival at its Star Spangled 4th of July Festival in Memorial Park (102nd St. and Major Ave.).

Participants designed posters pertaining to the topic of "Play U.S.A.-50 States of Fun". Alsip's Sarah Martin. Oak Lawn's Heather Daly and Oak Lawn's Jackie Miles were the first. second and third place winners. respectively. from the age 6 - 7 category.

Oak Lawn residents Heather Adams and Danielle Kapelinski and Sycamore's Alexandra Thrower were the first. second and third place winners in the age 8 - 10 category.

Jessica Ricci of Palos Hills won first place in the age 11 - 12 category with Oak Lawn's Megan Sullivan and Stephanie Adams finishing second and third. respectively.

Honorable mention winners were: Samantha Thrower of Sycamore and Matthew Luzadder. Katelyn Daugherty. Alexis Miles. Danny Nowicki. Megan Yerkes and Elizabeth Nolan of Oak Lawn.

All entries were hung on a clothesline and provided holiday color for the festival. "This contest gave the children an opportunity to act creatively during their summer break," said Maddie Kelly, park district director.

State Senator announces release in grants

State Senator Louis Viverito (D-Burbank) announced that Governor Rod Blagojevich has released over $990,000 in grants to towns and park districts in the 11th Senate District. Those projects are as follows:

$125,000 for the City of Burbank for reconstruction of portions of 79th and State Road. This project will include the installation of benches at bus stop locations, removal of median pavement and construction of raised decorative median with trees and shrubs. This is the final payment of what was originally a $250,000 grant.

$500,000 for the Village of Lyons for capital improvements. This grant will go towards river walk improvement, construction of a fire lane, land acquisition and construction of a ball field. This is the improvement of what was originally a $1,000,000 grant.

$137,500 for the Burbank Park District associated with construction of a recreational facility at Owens Park. This is the final payment of what was originally a $275,000 grant.

$228,000 for Burbank Park District, to defray cost of capital improvements throughout the Burbank Park District. This is the final payment of what was originally a $456,000 grant.

Car Cruise Night to be held

On Friday, August 8 from 6 pm to 9:30 pm, DeVry University's Tinley Park campus will host "DeVry University's Car Cruise Night" at the Tinley Park campus parking lot, 18624 W. Creek Dr. Local area residents will display their hot rods, street rods, muscle and classic cars, pizza and ice cream vendors will provide food and refreshments.

Dedication to be held

On Wed. July 30th at 11:30am., the Chicago Police Dept. will hold a dedication of a marker for George Neil at MT. Greenwood Cemetery, 2900 W. 111th St. Chicago. Officer Neil was killed in the line of duty in May of 1930. The Pipes and Drums of Chicago Police Dept. purchased the marker and will perform at the dedication. For more information, please call the cemetery at 773-233-0136.

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Family Harvest hold back to school outreach

Family Harvest Church of Tinley Park sponsors many community events throughout the year in the Chicagoland and Indiana areas. Currently Family Harvest Church is preparing for its big Back to School Outreach. We are asking local businesses and residents to donate school supplies and or funds to purchase supplies. Last year Family Harvest sponsored over 100 distribution centers giving away everything from pencils to book bags... all on the same night. It was a great success.

With the start of school just around the corner and so many items needed it will be a great help for any family to get a head start on obtaining school supplies. Family Harvest Church wants to be a part of showing the Love of God to all people.

On Thursday, August 7, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Family Harvest Church is sponsoring a School Supply Giveaway at Odyssey Fun World, 19111 S Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, IL. There will be a raffle for several door prizes including a Grand Prize Birthday Party Package for eight (8) children at Odyssey Fun World. Every child and adult who registers for the drawing will be entitled to a FREE miniature golf game (only valid for that day).

Anyone interested in donating school supplies or if you would like more about the event contact Mary Elizabeth Mucci from Mucci's Sensational Events at (708) 369-2822 or email sensationalevents@attbi.com.

Basketball school offered with former Chicago Bull Star

Former Chicago Bull center Will Perdue will provide his basketball expertise to children attending the Chicago Bulls Basketball Schools this summer.

Perdue will make appearances at a large number of the week long camps as a guest speaker and will also participate in on the court activities.

The Chicago Bulls Basketball Schools are week long camps that take place at over 100 sites throughout the Chicago area each summer.

Perdue will make visits to approximately 50 of this summer's camps to speak to attendees about the practice, patience and persistence athletes need in order to achieve their future goals.

In its fifth season of operation, the Chicago Bulls Basketball Schools help children enjoy the game of basketball by improving their skills in an atmosphere of encouragement, positive reinforcement and unbridled enthusiasm.

Chicago Bulls Basketball schools are week long camps that run from Monday through Friday either from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm or 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

Boys and girls (ages 6 to 14 years) are eligible to register for the camps at the cost of $195 per camper. Each camp is limited to 60 children.

Registration information is available by calling (630) 752-9225 or visiting www. BullsSoxAcademy.com.

Following is a local schedule of the remaining Chicago Bulls Basketball Schools scheduled for this summer: August 4-8: Dolton PD (Dolton), Palos Courts (Palos Heights), Community Center (West-mont).

August 11-15: Wentworth PD (Chicago), Marion Hills Recreational Center (Darien), Rich Port YMCA (La Grange), Health & Fitness Institute (Lindenhurst), Bulls/Sox Training Academy (Lisle), Oak Lawn Pavillion (Oak Lawn) and Jefferson Junior High School (Woodridge).

August 18 - 22; Norwood Park (Chicago), York Center Park District (Lombard) and Community Building (Oak Forest).

Musical party is coming to Chicago

Five time Grammy Award winner Bela Fleck and the Fleckstones bring their show to the Symphony Center on Thursday August 7 at 8:00 pm, giving Chicago a taste of their colorful synthesis of jazz, bluegrass and pop.

Named after the twentieth century composer Bela Bartock, Fleck has long been regarded as the world's premier banjo player, having revolutionized the image of banjo playing throughout his performing and recording career. He describes his style of music as "a party with people from different cultures all hanging out" and bases his particular approach around the concept of "the banjo being weird."

After picking up the banjo at age fifteen, Fleck, a New York native, went on to join the bluegrass band New Grass Revival in 1982, establishing himself in the bluegrass genre and worked on a series of solo albums as well.

Later solo albums (including 1994's Tales from the Acoustic Planet and 1999's The Bluegrass Season - Tales from the Acoustic Planet, Volume 2) earned him the honor of being the only musician to have been nominated for Grammy Awards in the jazz, bluegrass, pop, country, spoken word, Christian, composition and world music categories.

One of his more recent projects, Perpetual Motion (2001), ventured into the classical music genre and featured inventive arrangements of short pieces by composers such as Bach, Beethoven, Debussy and Tchaikovsky.

Tickets range from $26 to $60 and can be purchased by calling Phone Charge at 312-294-3000 or 800-223-7114, or by visiting either the CSO's Web site at www. cso.org or the Symphony Center Box Office at 220 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60604.

Box Office and Phone Charge hours are Monday - Saturday, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Sunday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. For group rates please call 312-294-3040.

Artists, programs and ticket prices are subject to change.

Orland Park is forming dance company

Dancers dream of chorus lines on Broadway, performing Fosse at the Chicago Theatre, or touring the country with the Joffrey Ballet.

The Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department's newly forming Orland Park Dance Company will offer pre-teen and teen dancers one-on-one training from credentialed, professional dance instructors.

On Thursday, August 14th, 2003, dancers age twelve and older are invited to audition for this Village of Orland Park first.

Auditions will be held at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm with check-in beginning at 5:30 pm in the dance/aerobics studio. The village's Sportsplex is located at 11315 West 159th Street. Auditions will be held on August 14th only and those auditioning should wear appropriate dance attire. The company is limited to twelve participants.

The Orland Park Dance Company's 32 week season will run from September, 2003 to June 2004, culminating with a company dance recital. The company will rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

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American artist accepted into the Louvre

Robert P. Workman has, according to the Guiness Book of World Records, become the youngest artist to be accepted into the collection of the Musee du Louvre in Paris.

While the Guiness Book will not be publishing this information as a world record, it has been verified and will be published in upcoming biographical reference works, featuring Mr. Workman in England and also internationally.

Robert Workman is best known for his children's books under the "Sesqui - Squirrel" titles and for his "Cypher" cartoon strip, published from 1983 - 1998, by Village View Publications of Oak Lawn.

A drawing by Robert P Workman was accepted into the collection of The Musee du Louvre in Paris, on January 15, 2001, officially making Robert Workman the first American artist accepted into the Louvre collection for the 21st century. (This has also been verified and made part of the artist's published biography).

Mr. Workman is listed in "Who's Who in America", "Who's Who in the World" and many other international publications. A copy of Mr. Workman's drawing (taken from the original accepted by the Louvre) can be found in the Ryerson Library of The Art Institute of Chicago, today.

Polka association celebrates anniversary

The International Polka Association will hold it's 35th anniversary festival & convention on Thursday, July 31 and Friday & Saturday, August 1st and 2nd, at the Hyatt Regency in Oakbrook, IL.

The best of polish and slovenian polka bands will be performing throughout the weekend. World's Polka King Lil Wally Jagiello, Grammy Award winning Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones, The Downtown Sound, Midway Cavaliers, Polka Family, Dennis Polisky's and the Maestro's Men, John Stevens & Double Shot, Bruce Korosa, New Generation, John Gora & Gorale Change of Pace, Pan Franek & the Polka Towners, Bob Doszak & Eddie Korosa Jr.

There will be afternoon Polka lounge parties, a Polka Mass on Saturday morning (by advance reservation only), Polka music for your listening and dancing pleasure every evening in the Regency Ballroom, a complete Polka music CD & cassette concession, Polish Imports Concession and much more.

The IPA encourages families to attend. There is a children's art contest planned with the theme being "Polka Music is Happiness" There will be a mini Polka princess pageant on Saturday evening. (Ages 3 - 10)

Gather your family and friends and make plans to attend the 35th annual International Polka Association anniversary celebration..

The admission will be as follows: Thursday, July 31, from 7:00 pm - 10:30 pm, $5.00; Friday and Saturday, August 1st and 2nd, from 4:30 pm - 1:00 am, $13.

For more information, or a detailed brochure, please contact the International Polka Association, located at 46098 South Archer Avenue, Chicago, IL, 60632, or call 1-800-To-Polka.

A call for poems

Write a poem and win the $1,000.00 grand prize! Famous Poets Society is sponsoring a new poetry contest, open to everyone. There is no entry fee.

To enter send one poem of 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, P.O. Box 1140, Talent, OR, 97540.

You also may enter on line at www. famouspoets. com. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.

"This is our big contest of the year," says Executive Director Mark Schramm. "We trust our prizes will encourage new poets to share their skill." The deadline for entering is August 15, 2003.

Orland Park Theatre holds auditions for Sequel

The Orland Park Theatre Troupe, part of the village's Recreation and Parks Department, is holding auditions for the sequel to last fall's hilarious farce, "Register here".

Adults age sixteen and older, are invited to audition for "The Moss Trap" on Monday, August 4th and Tuesday, August 5th from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm.

This production is dedicated to the memory of Orland Park's Kristin P. Deacon, 28, an active member of the troupe who passed away on June 28th, from injuries sustained in a June 18th car crash.

"Kristin Deacon was a very active member of the village's theater program, appearing in all of the shows for the last two seasons," Buikema said. "Kristin portrayed Ginger Bread, the gangster's girlfriend in the original production "Register here." "It is a fitting tribute to dedicate the sequel to her memory," she added.

"Kristin was one of the best character actresses I've ever seen," Carnivele-Sidlow said. "This show is our way of remembering a wonderful friend who touched so many lives in her all too short 28 years;" she added.

Auditions will be held at the Orland Park Village Hall, located at 14451 South Beacon Avenue, Orland Park. Recreation Program Supervisor Irene Buikema will produce the show with Frann Carnivele-Sidlow serving as producer director.

Rehearsals are held Monday and Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Performances are: Friday, September 26, Saturday, September 27 and Sunday, September 28.

Once cast, Village of Orland Park residents must pay a $30 registration fee. Non-residents pay $45.

For more information call Buikema at 708-403-7275.

Moraine Valley offers meeting planner certificate program

Moraine Valley Community College now offers a certificate program in meeting planning. The program will prepare students for careers in the meeting and special events industry by teaching them to successfully plan and execute meetings, seminars, expositions, conventions and special events.

The program, which requires 30 credit hours, builds off existing Travel Business Management courses. Existing courses included in the new curriculum are Introduction to Travel Planning, Client Communications and Destination Planning of North America.

The curriculum will also include two new courses. Fundamentals of Meeting Planning and Special Event Management. Special Event Management, a weekend class, will be offered this summer.

Fundamentals of Meeting Planning, another weekend class, will be offered this fall. The intensive class will meet over two weekends, Oct. 31, Nov. 1 and 2 and Nov. 14, 15 and 16. Classes will meet on Fridays from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Other required courses in the program curriculum include Introduction to Business, Business Mathematics, Composition I, Speech Fundamentals, Introduction to PC Applications and Keyboarding I.

For more information, call Walsh at (708) 974-5227 or e-mail her at walsh@morainevalley.edu. For news media inquiries, call Marianne Naughton, public relations specialist, at (708) 974-5287 or e-mail her at naughton@morainevalley.edu.

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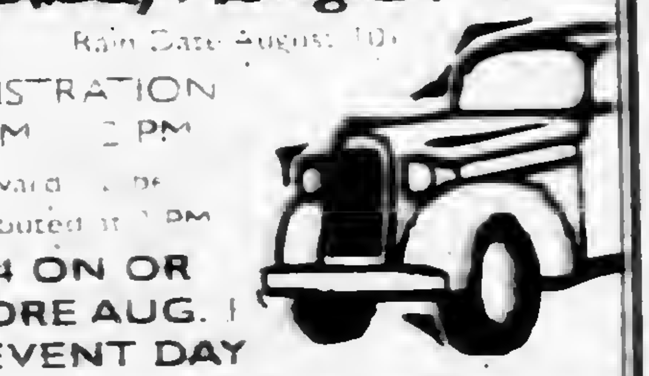

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De La Salle makes the following announcements

Historic graduation took place

Another significant milestone was added to the rich 114 year history of De La Salle Institute when 59 young women received their diplomas from the institute on May 28, 2003. Commencement Exercises and the Baccalaureate Mass were held at Old St. Mary's Church, located at 1500 S. Michigan Ave. The church was filled with the graduates' families and friends as well as De La Salle faculty, staff and board members.

The Baccalaureate Mass Celebrant was the Most Reverend Gustavo Garcia-Siller, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago for Vicariate V, who was installed as one of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Auxiliary Bishops on May 16.

The Master of Ceremonies was West Campus Associate Principal for Academics Diane Brown. Brother Michael Quirk, FSC, President of De La Salle Institute, gave the Welcoming Address. Before the conferral of diplomas Maria L. Arreguin gave the Salutatory Address. Next, Bishop Garcia-Siller blessed the diplomas and then Sr. Josita Krzeminski, SSJ-TOSF, West Campus Associate Principal for Operations and Brother Michael Quirk conferred the diplomas to the 59 graduates. The Valedictory Address was offered by Amanda L. Vasquez and Mr. James Krygier, Principal of De La Salle Institute, presented the Closing Remarks.

De La Salle honors three Korean War veterans at commencement exercise

De La Salle Institute held its 108th Annual commencement Exercise on May 29, 2003 at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago.

One of the highlights of the evening occurred when Martin DeWan, Robert McDonald and Steven Petehowski who left De La Salle during their junior years to enlist in the United States military during the Korean War, were given their diplomas and recognized officially as members of De La Salle's Class of 1956. DeWan and McDonald attended the ceremony, while Petehowski was absent because of health reasons.

Thanks to a bill signed two years ago by the Illinois Legislature, individuals who left high school to enter the service before graduating, but earned General Educational Development degrees while in the military, are awarded their high school diplomas.

De La Salle would like to congratulate each of these honorable men who willingly served their country in such a heroic, selfless manner and for being such exemplary members of the De La Salle family.

KC Knight at the Cook County Cheetahs

Our Lady of Fatima Council #3582 is sponsoring a Knights of Columbus family night at the Cook County Cheetahs on Tuesday, August 12. Members from all councils are encouraged to come out and support the Cheetahs as they take on the Florence Freedom in the Frontier League showdown. The Knights of Columbus will provide a color guard for the National Anthem.

The game will take place at the Hawkinson Ford Field in Crestwood, Illinois. Gates open at 5:30 pm. Game time is 7:05 pm. You can get to Hawkinson Ford Field by taking Cicero to Midlothian Turnpike (approximately 141st). Turn East onto the Turnpike, travel 2 blocks to Kenton. Parking is $2.

A limited number of $8 lower grandstand reserved seats for this event are available for advanced sale. Request for these advanced tickets will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Mail requests for advanced tickets to: Phil Faust, 10632 S. Kilbourn, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Requests for tickets and payment in full must be received by July 31. Further information can be obtained from Phil Faust at 708-207-5462 and leave a message.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic family fraternal service organization founded in 1882 at St. Mary Church in New Haven, Conn and has 1.6 million members in 12,000 local councils worldwide.

Our Lady of Fatima Council #3582 was chartered in 1952 in Oak Lawn, Il and has over 300 members in several state.

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11-4 pm Car Show
11 pm Food vendors open
11-6 pm Miller's Petting Zoo, Scratch Art, Giant Climbing Wall, Shoe, Pony Rides
1:15-2 pm Paul & Kitty (kid variety)
2-3:30 pm Chicago Expression (songs from 20's-40's)
2:30-3:30 pm Spiderman Walkaround
3:30-4:30 pm Dave Rudolf (kids variety)
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Village View
April 20, 1999
Oak Lawn prevents flooding [illegible]
Oakdale retention pond

Village View Sept. 11, 1998
Mayor Kolb dedicated first historic site Keyhole House

Village View February 8, 2001
Mayor Kolb attended the Governor's
[illegible] Summit in Springfield

[illegible]

July 15, 1988
Turning trash into cash, Kolb's
recycling program

[illegible]

Village View April [illegible]
Brandt project received board support

[illegible]

Village View
February [illegible] Columbus School
District 122 received loan

[illegible]

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Mayor Ernest F. Kolb

Born
August 8, 1920
At Rest
June 29, 2003

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Village View News
June 1, 1988
Oak Lawn
Centennial Walk
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Ernest F. Kolb – A Memorial Tribute to the late OL Mayor

Kolb available to "press"

Village View News, 1974 Commentary

In an effort to release advance copies of the Village of Oak Lawn board of trustees' agenda to the local press, the village clerk's office did forward this information to the news media during the February-March period; however, board agenda items are not available to the clerk's office until Wednesday prior to the Tuesday night meeting. This effort was made knowing that most weekly publications are concerned with a Monday deadline. As a result, the local press was unable to publish any of the board of trustees agenda items prior to the regular Tuesday night meetings-understandably so.

Since it is almost impossible to publish the agenda prior to the board meetings, we would like the press to know that if there is any question in regards to any items coming up before the board of trustees prior to any meetings, they are more than welcome to contact the village clerk's office for such information.

We want to thank you for your cooperation in the past and if there is anything that we can do to be of assistance to the press, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Ernest F. Kolb
Village Clerk-Collector

First giant step for village

Village View News, [illegible]

The village board in December, [illegible] took the first giant step in alleviating flood conditions in the northwest area of Oak Lawn by approving the Phase I Storm Sewer Project, according to Ernie Kolb, village clerk.

The contract was awarded to DiPaolo Construction Co. with a low bid of $368,6[illegible]. This sewer is designed to serve the entire area west of Central Ave. to Nashville, between 87th on the north to approximately 94th Pl. on the south. Work is expected to commence by mid-February of 1974 and the working days anticipated are approximately 90.

The new sewer will connect with the Melvina Ditch Improvement at 94th and Nashville. A further step was initiated by the Board of Local Improvements to continue this improvement program for the northwest area when it established Jan. 24, 1974 for a public hearing for Phase II of paving and storm sewers between [illegible]

"No Solicitor" Decals available

Village View News, September, [illegible]

Ernest F. Kolb, Oak Lawn village clerk, announces "No Solicitors" decals are now available at the village hall. The charge for the decal to the residents of Oak Lawn is [illegible] cents.

The "No Solicitors" decal is the result of an ordinance passed recently by the village board, giving the citizens of Oak Lawn the right to prohibit solicitors. Section [illegible] "Village Policy on Soliciting" reads as follows: "It is hereby declared to be the policy of the governing body of the village of Oak Lawn shall make the determination of whether solicitors shall be or shall not be invited to their respective residence. If no determination is made as provided in Section 11-352 thereof, then in that event, registration is not required.

Districting big on agenda in Oak Lawn

Village View News, October, [illegible]

The districting map drawn up by village clerk Ernie Kolb was approved by the board of trustees [illegible] Dave Morris [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and Dave Morris are in the same district. One would be chosen by lot to represent one of the four remaining districts. (Hardek is alone in his district.) This method would deprive the voters of the chosen district an opportunity to select their own candidate.

At the regular meeting of the board of trustees, Sept. 24, Mrs. [illegible] made a motion to accept Reinquist's opinion adjudication on the basis of a friendly suit. Mrs. [illegible] said "I believe the court will favor Ancel's opinion, but I would prefer to go with our own attorney who has mostly gone on record as voting for something he believed in." After several attempts at this failed, Bacon made a motion to table in order to investigate the proper way to make the motion to make the suit. Dr. Vernius seconded the motion but it failed when Mrs. [illegible], Morris and Pres. Dumke voted "no." Trustees John Hardek and [illegible] were absent.

Dr. Vernius said that he wanted it to be in the record that Alice [illegible] agreed with Ancel's opinion.

President Dumke called for the vote on Mrs. [illegible]'s original motion that had been seconded by Morris and Dr. Vernius, and Harold Bacon voted "no" again. Dumke voted "yes" on the motion to accept Reinquist's opinion stating that "everyone came down here and I [illegible] what's right."

Dr. Vernius asked, "Was that one time or [illegible]?"

Dumke replied that it was to get the ball rolling and to allow the attorney to prepare an election ordinance. He then advised Ernie Kolb to proceed with the necessary filing for the three vacancies in the April election. (Dr. Vernius, Bacon and Hesketh.)

Harold Bacon said that he wanted it included in the records where Mr. Reinquist stated that his opinion was based on redistricting.

The Village of Willow Springs

wishes to express our condolences to the family, friends and community on the loss of friend Mayor "Ernie" Kolb.

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Village Clerk

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Attorney

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Steven P. [illegible]
Steven Muscolino
Nancy Kaczmarek
Mary Jane Mannella
Alan P. Nowaczyk

The Village of Tinley Park

sends our condolences to the family, friends and community on the passing of our friend Mayor "Ernie" Kolb.

Edward J. Zabrocki, Mayor
Frank W. German, Jr., Village Clerk

Trustees

Patrick E. Rea
Gregory J. Hannon
Matthew J. Heffernan
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Michael H. Bettenhausen
Brian S. Maher

Ernest F. Kolb - A Memorial Tribute to the late OL Mayor

Memorial for MIA/POWs

[illegible]

Ernie, You will be missed

We extend our deepest sympathy to
the family of Mayor Ernest Kolb
and to the community of Oak Lawn.

VILLAGE OF MATTESON

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Mayor

Dorothy [illegible]
Village Clerk

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Sam Brown
[illegible]

Allan Johnson
Carol L. [illegible]
Nathaniel Morton, Jr.

City of Hometown

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We extend our
heartfelt condolences
to the family of
Mayor "Ernie" Kolb
and the
Village of Oak Lawn.

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My condolences to the
family of Mayor "Ernie"
Kolb. Ernie was the
consummate family man and
public official - energetic,
dedicated and caring.

Ed Maloney, State Senator
18th District

Kolb: It's a new era -dark days are past -all bright ones ahead!

Mayor Ernie Kolb sworn into office

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Laughter, tears, standing ovations and many kind words saw Ernie Kolb sworn in as Mayor of Oak Lawn in the village hall this past Tuesday evening.

The newly elected clerk, Jayne Powers, who had been sworn in earlier in the day by Judge Irving Eiserman, had the pleasure of fulfilling the task set for her by the voters.

Prior to this action it was also the duty of Jayne Powers to swear in incumbent John Hardek, Ronald Stancik and Jerome Bergmann for 4 year terms on the board of trustees.

Ernest Kolb, Mayor of Oak Lawn

Mayor Ernie Kolb introduces the bicycle and utility vehicle patrol

Mayor Ernie Kolb was pleased to announce recently that residents will be seeing even more of the Oak Lawn Police Department in their neighborhoods. Through a cooperative planning and funding effort by the Police Department and the Park District, Village parks, shopping centers and the golf course will now be patrolled by a bicycle and an all purpose utility vehicle. Newly appointed Police Chief Houk promises that this new program is just the beginning of a greater involvement by the Police Department in the community. Residents are urged to meet and greet Sergeant Jim Spellins as he patrols in the police bicycle and to take every opportunity to get to know Officers Claude Weimer and John O'Mara as they patrol in the marked utility vehicle. Pictured from left are Officer John O'Mara, Police Chief Jim Houk, Mayor Ernie Kolb, Sergeant Jim Spellins and Officer Claude Weimer.

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Trustee Vogrich casts only "no" vote

Open letter from Ernie Kolb

Village View News, December 1975

TO THE CITIZENS OF OAK LAWN

Dear Friends:

At a Budget Hearing Meeting held at the Village Hall on Monday, November 24th, the Village Board, by a 5-1 vote, moved to eliminate my position as Collector from the 1976 Budget. Being a full-time employee, that reduces my Village Clerk salary from $22,620. down to $4,500 per year for Village Clerk only.

Several budget meetings have been held these past few weeks at which I was in attendance at all of them and at no time was my removal as Collector discussed, but on the evening of November 24th, at the very outset of this session, this action was taken by the Village Board. They never had the courtesy to discuss this with me during any one of those meetings. After serving as Village Clerk/Collector for the past eleven years, I would have expected them to afford not only me, but my family, this courtesy. I have lived in Oak Lawn since 1947 and have served the Village in other capacities since 1959.

The people of Oak Lawn have always expressed confidence in me by returning me to office for the past three terms. I can't tell you how much I appreciate all of you. In return, I have always tried to help our citizens in the best way I know how and treat everyone fairly.

This action to reduce my salary to $4500 per year is a political move by the Board to make me resign. It would be very difficult for me to live on that salary and also difficult for me to seek other employment at age fifty-five, or even more so to try to fit the Clerk's position along with another job. You, the people, last returned me to office in 1973 and it was by the largest number of votes any candidate had ever received in the history of our Village. Therefore, I feel I cannot do anything but stand and fight.

I think it is about time the people in Oak Lawn should take a hard look at what is going on in our village and start to speak out. This group of people who now control the Board certainly have no compassion for people for the way they act. I know I am political and I am subject to the voters. If the people so feel I should not return to office, they can vote me out of office and I could walk away and I could always say I did the best I knew how. However, for the Board to take such action when my term office is not up until April 1977, I just can't believe it. I guess the lust for power to control the Village of Oak Lawn brings out in people what they really are.

Thank you for taking the time to read my message.

ERNIE KOLB
VILLAGE CLERK/COLLECTOR

January 1975

CHAMBER DONATES CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, through the generosity of its members, has donated to the village all of the Christmas decorations that were purchased by the chamber and are being displayed throughout the village. The donation was made in consideration for storing, maintaining and installation provided by the village over the past 4 years by the Public Works Dept. The decorations consist of Santa Claus and Candles for pole decorations, and, new this year, three 9 foot candles which are displayed alongside the village tree at 95th & Cook, and 2 merry imps which are in front of the village hall.

Shown in the picture are (l. to r.) Dave Morris, trustee; Eleanor Barrett, chamber secy; Ernie Kolb, village clerk; Ken McDonald, village mgr; Fred Dimke, pres. receiving title to the decorations from Frank Bobiak, chamber pres. and Sal Cirvellone, chmn of the decorations committee.

VILLAGE OF CHICAGO RIDGE

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We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Mayor "Ernie" Kolb and the Village of Oak Lawn.

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PRESIDENT

CHARLES E. TOKAR
CLERK/COLLECTOR

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So long to our good friend Mayor "Ernie" Kolb. We will miss you.

The Village of Evergreen Park

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Ernest F. Kolb - A Memorial Tribute to the late OL Mayor

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Work on 111th Street will be completed by June

By Frank Soczek

Village View News
April 20, 1999

Final completion of the 111th St. underpass and roadway improvement is only a month and one half away according to resident Engineer Peter Au of the Illinois Department of Transportation

The much needed project was first discussed in the early 1970's, according to Mr. Au. Funding problems and communication difficulties with the railroad were major obstacles preventing a more timely resolution of the chronic and ongoing problem.

"As many as 75 trains per day, averaging three per hour blocked the busy 111th St. thoroughfare" explained Mr. Au.

Construction was further hampered by large unforseen boulders measuring up to 6 feet in diameter which caused the steel support beams to buckle. The latter dilemma necessitated a re-design-delay during the prime construction months for our area.

The general contractors James Cape & Sons of Wisconsin have extensive experience in Illinois, having previously worked on the Stevenson Expressway and I-294.

With typical Engineer's precision Mr. Au predicted the highway "will be fully open by June 2nd, certainly no later than mid-June."

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Mayor Kolb attends Governor's Conference

Oak Lawn Mayor Ernest Kolb attended the Governor's Small Business 2001 Summit in Springfield on January 23rd and 24th. Governor George Ryan and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs hosted the two day conference.

"Oak Lawn is a home to 1,600 plus businesses and they are integral to our economic well being. I feel it is necessary for business owners and government officials to work together to address the challenges facing the business community. This summit was an opportunity to voice our views and make recommendations for improving the business climate in our town and across the state. I believe a strong small business base will strengthen our economy into the 21st Century." stated Mayor Kolb.

"We remain enthusiastic in our efforts to retain our successful small businesses unfair Cook County taxes. The Mayor also conferred with Federal Officials from the U.S. Small Business Administration during the Business Summit to discuss the conference and it's impact on Oak Lawn's small business community. "I felt the government should be aware of our interest in the challenges facing small business and ask for their support in strengthening this vital local asset." the Mayor explained.

Ernie, You
will be
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Oak Lawn village board recognizes firefighters and their accomplishments

Village View News
March 16, 1999

By F.J. Soczek

Oak Lawn Fire Dept Lieutenant Lorraine Hurt, Engineer Norm Rick, Firefighters William Roser and Frank Kovak were recognized by Mayor Kolb Village Trustees and a sizeable contingent of their co-workers at the March 9th Board Meeting

Presenting a Unit Citation to the crew from Engine Company 30, the Mayor praised the life saving efforts of the firefighters for their quick response involving a semi-conscious fire victim

Within two minutes after receiving a 911 call February 14th, firefighters responded to a kitchen fire on the 4000 block of 99th Street. Upon hearing moans from the occupant of the smoke filled unit, crew members in full rescue gear transported the victim safely to awaiting paramedics.

According to Fire Chief Thomas Moran, "The victim was released several days later with no apparent lasting physical injuries."

Lieutenant Hurt remarked, in painful resignation, "We get a lot of 'removals,' not many rescues."

Mr Jim Craig, Chairperson for the Oak Lawn Community Partnership, presented a certificate of recognition to Trustee Jerry Hurckes for his assistance to area Seniors

The Community Partnership is part of a program sponsored by Christ Hospital that offers Seniors assistance with tasks such as leave raking and snow shoveling. The work is performed by volunteers from area schools

Peggy Daudell, Community Health Coordinator from Christ Hospital and Lynn Craig were also present for the award presentation

Mr. Craig suggested other members of the Board might find the program worthy of their support

A $50,000 grant from the U.S. Justice Dept was approved and will be used to fund a Police bicycle patrol

Trustee William Keane announced a District 6 community meeting will be held March 31 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Mr. Keane explained the Village of DesPlaines utilized information kiosks of a type that might be beneficial in Oak Lawn.

Keane also noted a timing device designed for cross walks at busy intersections is available at a cost of approximately $550. The instrument would provide a readout of time available before traffic signals change

Trustee Steven Rosenbaum announced a meeting with State Senator Patrick O'Malley is scheduled to address the proliferation of "Pay Day Loan" businesses.

Mr Rosenbaum has in the past called for governmental regulation of these relatively new consumer services that provide short term loans at extremely high "annual" interest rates

At least a half-dozen such firms have been established locally within the past year

Mr. Rosenbaum announced a 4th district community meeting will be held April 6th at 7:00 p.m at the Salem United Church, 9717 S Kostner

Trustee Robt Streit announced his suggestion to prevent convicted sex offenders from congregating within 500 feet of a public park has been recently passed by a general assembly committee.

Streit noted the bill is "scheduled for a full House vote shortly and will likely become a State law."

Trustee Ronald Stancik reiterated his displeasure with the U.S. Postal Service regarding service on construction-choked Central Ave., as well as "unreliable" servicing of the mailbox located outside the Village Hall

The Board unanimously approved a request by Oak Lawn Harley-Davidson to erect a seasonal tent at 11040 S. Cicero.

The first woman to hold the office of chief of protocol in the U.S. Department of State was former child star Shirley Temple Black in 1976.

Kolb appointed to national committee

Village View News.
October 1975

Ernest F. Kolb, village clerk of Oak Lawn has been appointed to serve on the Vice Chairman Committee for the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. (IIMC). This committee will play a significant rôle in planning the activities of this worldwide association of professional city, village, town and municipal clerks. In announcing this appointment, IIMC president, Jake H. Inselmann, CMC City Clerk of San Antonio, Texas, stated that "We are very fortunate that Ernest F. Kolb has assumed this leadership role within our professional organization. His knowledge and experience will help us to serve the needs of this most important office of municipal government and consequently will contribute to the efficiency of local government and the betterment of its citizens."

The new committeeman who has been village clerk of Oak Lawn since July 1964, joined the International organization of his professional colleagues in August 1964.

IIMC is devoted to advancing the professionalization of the office of municipal clerk, and improvbing the administration and efficiency of government. It provides its 2700 members with education., conference research, reference and information services designed to keep its members informed on the changes in the urban areas.

To Mayor Ernie Kolb,

Thank you for your years of tireless service to your family, friends and community. Oak Lawn and the southwest suburbs have all benefited greatly from your leadership. It will be hard to imagine Oak Lawn without you and you will be greatly missed by many. Over the years your friendship and advice have meant so much to me. On behalf of myself, my wife and the State of Illinois, we thank you for the dedication and hard work you gave to this great state.

Daniel W. Hynes

Illinois State Comptroller

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Goodbye to a genuine, warm and honest man, Mayor "Ernie" Kolb. You will always be remembered and greatly missed.

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Village View News
April 4, 2000

Oak Lawn Mayor Kolb gives an accounting of his war days for our view of the century

Conversation with Oak Lawn Mayor Ernie Kolb Reflections of a hero next door

By Ed Soczek

Many people know Oak Lawn Mayor Ernie Kolb on a personal level. Friends. Neighbors. Co-workers. Years of involvement in the often tumultuous political arena and subsequent exposure in the media have made his visage a familiar sight.

But many people also know very little about the private side of a man who oversees and assures the critical direction of a rapidly growing community.

I have lived in Oak Lawn for many years and, despite what I felt was an intimate familiarity with Village affairs, I found myself, indeed, in the latter category.

Recently, Mayor Kolb graciously took the time over a cup of coffee (several actually) to offer me a brief glimpse into some of the travails and triumphs that have forged his unique persona.

And afterward, I walked away with a new found understanding and respect for a man I discovered, I never really knew before.

It was Christmas morning 1945. A gentle snow was falling as a young man stepped off the train platform to the quiet streets of sleeping city celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace.

The war was now truly over. There were no brass bands or cheering crowds to celebrate his homecoming. There were no photographers from *Life* magazine present to capture forever the fleeting moment at Dearborn Station when SP/C2 Ernie Kolb finally returned home after enduring 36 months of living hell in the South Pacific.

Ernie Kolb's story began in the "old neighborhood," 55th & Shields in Chicago. His father was a tailor of Austrian ancestry who operated a small shop at 71st & Racine. Young Ernie attended Altgeld Grammar School and Parker High School.

It was while attending the latter institution that he enrolled in the CMTC, (Civilian Military Training Corps) which, in the years of 1938 & 1939 responded to the foreboding political climate in Europe.

The CMTC Camp McCoy in Sparta, Wisconsin, still retained vestigial military implements of the 19th century. Kolb's duties included cleaning stables for the horse drawn artillery corps and polishing saddles.

Little did he realize that in a few short years, he would witness an historic water shed with birth of the atomic era.

Following his High School graduation, Ernie Kolb signed up for the draft in 1940. During his school years, he worked as a runner for the *Drovers Journal*, a trade paper for the livestock industry.

The job market at the time was quite tenuous due to the war in Europe. Facing the painful uncertainty of not knowing when he would be called to duty, Ernie Kolb enlisted in the Navy. Besides, he thought, at least he would not be spending time in the cold and rain like he might in the Army.

Kolb's assignment to the Sea Bees, an engineering branch of the military endeavor which demanded strenuous physical labor under a scorching tropical sun, did little to enforce his perceived notion that Navy life would be inherently more comfortable.

In early 1942, while on a brief stop-over in Pearl Harbor, Ernie Kolb witnessed first hand the portentous scene that would remain etched in his psyche to this day. Mighty ships lay twisted on their sides. Patches of oil still burned on the surface of the water. The horrendous specter of death cast a dark pawl over the tropical paradise.

Ernie Kolb's troop ship arrived on the Island of Saipan amidst a bloody, suicidal *Kamikaze* attack. The ancient vessels shook violently with each successive attack.

Throughout the ordeal, Japanese snipers took a heavy toll on the Sea Bees as they carved an aircraft landing field out of solid rock.

Ernie Kolb and his buddies waved as formations of sleek, silver B-29 bombers departed from nearby Tinian Island. And tearfully bore witness to countless untold sorrows of brave men who never returned.

And then, one day in August, a solitary avenging angel nicknamed *Enola Gay* unleashed an apocalyptic ball of fire that would change the world forever.

And only then, did the heroes return. One by one. To farms. Villages. Towns. And for Ernie Kolb, to the loving embrace of his sister, brother-in-law and future wife, Peggy.

And life would, once again, be good.

Memories of days gone by

by Annette Dixon

Village View first featured Ernie Kolb in their first newspaper in November 1973. He had his own column as Village Clerk.

There are two personal stories I would like to share. In 1973, Michelle Dixon, age 8, went golfing with the children at the O.L. Park District with her new old wooden clubs from a resale shop. When Michelle came home, she said a man saw her using the clubs, looked at them, and told her she shouldn't use them again. She should take them home, for her mother may want to save them. Well, the man was Ernie Kolb and we sold the clubs last year as an antique.

Another story was when I saw his penciled and charcoal drawings and mentioned that he should keep his originals. He said he never took a lesson, but loved to draw in his later days. I said, don't give away your originals, they could be valuable some day. Well, I saw a violin penciled drawing I really liked. He asked, "Would you like it?" I said, "Yes. Thank You!" He put the original on a copier and gave me a copy and just smiled!

I hope these stories along with all the past articles from our historic library, will enlighten and bring "a smile to all who read the Village View."

We will remember you and the many years of service to our community.

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Tiania (Lisa Dodson), under a spell which she falls in love with the first creature she sees-Bottom (Sean Forunato) who has been transformed into an ass.

Chicago Shakespeare Theatre's festival

by Marijo Doody

The Theater on Navy Pier is presenting the summer festival of plays,with the one-act production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" which runs through August 17,2003. The Associate-Artistic Director Gary Griffin is the director. The fast-paced, vibrant, music-filled 75 minute abridgement tells the story of four young lovers who set out for the forest to escape the tyranny of the court. As they enter the forest, they find a lush world populated by fairies, ruled by Titania and Oberon. In a hilarious series of mishaps caused by Oberon's mischievous emissary Puck, mortals mix with fairies: runaway lovers confuse their affections, and one man is magically transformed into an ass, until morning dawns and all are reconciled.

The cast includes Actor's Equity Association artists: Brian Hamman, Tim Kane, Lisa Dodson, William Dick, Brad Johnson, Sean Fortunato, Susan Miller, and Felicia Fields. The characters Puck (Hamman) and Bottom (Fortunata) have given stellar performances. The design team includes: Katherine Ross (scenic), Charles Jolls (lighting), Mara Blumenfeld (costume), Linsey Jones (sound), Pamels Parker (property); with music composed by Andy Jones and flight sequences choreographed by David Wooley.

Performances are Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. and Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7;00 p.m. Tickets are $18 for adults and $15 for students ages 18 and under. (Special rates for groups of 20 or more: $15 for adults and $10 for students, ages 18 and under. Navy Pier is easily accessible to the Theater: free trolly service, accessible public transportation, cab service and a 40% discount on parking for every performance day excluding Saturdays, when The Pier offers a special rate.To purchase tickets: call the Chicago Shakespeare Theater Box Office at 312.595.5600 or the website:www.chicagoshakes.com.

Next Issue:
Getting ready to send the kids back to school

Computer Moms opens first Illinois Franchise

Providing personalized one-on-one computer training, at your place and pace (Palos Park, IL).

As Angela Fett readied to open her doors as the first computer moms® franchisee in Illinois, she was busy with the usual start-up preparations. But after spending years in an corporate environment, Fett's ready to take control of her seven zip code territory and introduce south suburban Chicagoland to computer moms®, the company that wants to be your "out-sourced IT department."

Based in Austin, Texas, computer moms® is a national franchise where skilled mentors provide business and home-based computer users with training, maintenance and technical support services. In the franchise name, "MOM" is an acronym for "Mentors On the Move." The mentors, who are employed by the franchisee, go on-site at the client's home or office to provide customized services.

Fett, 33, stumbled upon computer moms® last November while searching on the Internet for franchise opportunities. After a detailed investigation and many discussions with other franchisees, Fett purchased her Chicago suburb territory in April and held her grand opening on June 11th. With a corporate background as an alliance partner manager for a software solutions company, Fett will run her computer training and trouble-shooting business in Palos Hills, IL. For Fett, it was an opportunity too good to pass up.

"I have the opportunity to invest in myself and my own abilities," she says. "And I have the opportunity to do something that I like to do. Also, there's the opportunity to build a team of mentors that are extremely knowledgeable and have an appreciation and a passion for technology and PCs."

Last year Ziff-Davis and USA Today reported that between computers and the Internet, the computer services market in this country is already at $300 billion. Computer training is growing at an explosive pace, from an estimated $19 billion in 1999 to over $41 billion by 2005, according to analysts' estimates.

With technology changing and improving everyday, Fett says she anticipates a broad range of clients, each with their own unique set of needs and goals. Fett says most customers will come to computer moms® either with a training need to become more proficient on certain software application or they'll run into a problem with their computer.

"Certainly on the mentoring side, we provide training on anything from buying the right PC and printer, to training on the right software, to learning to surf the Internet and write an e-mail," she says. "On the small business side, we offer wireless networking, data backup and recovery and web page creation."

Clients are first introduced to computer moms® through its mentors that go right to the customer's home or place of business. The mentors access the customer's needs as well as their goals, skill level and ability to learn. Then they carefully draft a customized mentor-ing solution.

Fett's marketing plan includes placing inserts into some of the area papers, and sending out direct mailers to both small businesses and residential areas. She will also network through some of the local chambers of commerce, targeting small and home-based businesses.

While Fett has no immediate plans to expand into more territories, she says it's a definite possibility down the road. For now she would like to increase the brand awareness of the company and build a stable repeat and referral customer base.

"Computer moms® is for any individual looking to improve his/her computer skills and efficiency," she says. "Our clients range from senior citizens wanting to learn to use email to keep in touch with the grandkids to business owners and their staff who want to increase productivity and the bottom lines of their business."

About computer moms®:

Austin entrepreneur Georgia Jones founded computer moms® in 1994. The business offers one-on-one computer training to both consumers and business owners in their own homes or offices. The company focuses on common programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and more specialized software such as QuickBooks and ACT!

Computer moms® trains and mentors users on basic to advanced software programs. Other training includes digital cameras, Palm or pocket PCs as well as virus protection and recovery. In addition, the company installs and supports wireless networks and provides outsourced IT support for small businesses.

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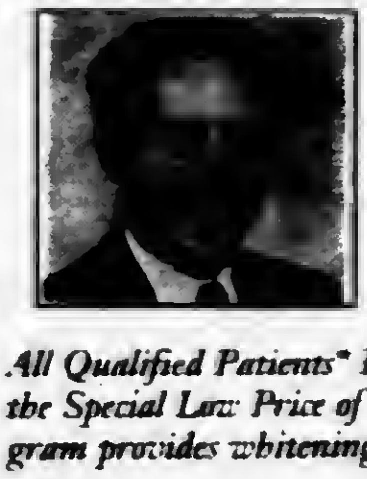

Pastor
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Rev William Quinn
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By Matt Mayer

On Sunday, July 20th, Father Bill Quinn, Pastor of St. Louis de Montfort parish, passed away, losing his battle with cancer. This is a personal loss for myself and family. Father Quinn had been the pastor since we joined the parish 15 years ago. Along with attending mass there, my daughter also attended school at St. Louis and worked at the rectory for the past 5 years.

Father Quinn took a loving interest in children and young people. He encouraged all children, boys and girls, to become altar servers. And during Mass before the Consecration, he would ask if any of the young children would like to come up to the altar with him. He would talk to them on their level about the gospel, and how it played a part in their every day lives.

He played Santa's helper at the children's Christmas program. He invited the congregation to join him in singing Happy Birthday to Jesus at the 4:00 Christmas Eve Family Mass and had birthday cake for everyone. When St. Louis de Montfort school introduced Spanish this year, Father Quinn took it, along with the kids - word is he received an A+! And he was signed up to take the class again in the fall. We still have the picture on our refrigerator that Father Quinn took of my daughter on her first day of work at the rectory.

Father Quinn always started Mass the same way, by welcoming every one. At Christmas and Easter, when Church was overflowing with people, he made a special point of welcoming everyone, and encouraged those who did not come to Mass on a regular basis to come back again, if they chose to.

He was a generous man—he was the first person at the offertory basket for our "Sharing Parish - St Brides" collection. Through his efforts, our parish supported Sister Connie and the St. Martin de Porres Shelter at Christmas time and the "Courage Program", which supported young women and children.

He also was a man of very strong convictions. Whether you agreed with him or not, everyone knew his feelings about war and violence. He preached against the immorality of war every chance he had. After 911, he was very vocal about the bitterness and anger many people had against our Muslim neighbors. He preached about their religion and the similarities between the Bible and the Koran as well as the similarities to the Catholic religion. He did what he could to heal the animosity that so many people had at that time.

All this being said, he was also just a regular guy. He shopped at the Jewel, walked at the Pavilion, worked in his flower garden. He also was an avid White Sox fan. He was a private person, a courageous person, especially in his battle against cancer. And next week after things settle down, I can picture him at the sign in front of church, putting his traditional summer message back up - "It's summertime, rest, relax, and enjoy."

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity
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Kara's Feather from Heaven

Memories - they are the treasures we get to keep long after the precious moments of our lives have been lived. Memories sustain us, especially when loved ones pass on and we find that those times we shared together are all we've got left. Then those memories become gold, sewn together with the thread of new found empathy and gratitude for having been touched by their presence.

For a little girl named Kara, the memories, still too fresh to be seasoned by the passage of time, still cut like a dull knife, piercing through the ache that's made its home in her young, fragile heart.

The third of four daughters born to Bill's sister Darlene and husband Mike, Kara showed a gentle wisdom far beyond her 8 years. When Darlene was diagnosed with cancer, Kara became her constant companion. Doctors assured the young mother, with a steeled will to live, that she could and would survive.

The following four years had been a mix of good days and bad days.

The children adjusted to life with a mother battling an incurable disease. But, it was always Kara who seemed to sense the grim reality of her mother's near certain fate, so while her friends ran off to play, Kara could always be found right by her mom's side.

Darlene passed away unexpectedly, but not before saying good-bye to her children and telling them that she would love them for always and forever. After her mother's death, Kara, a child of few words, had even less to say. She seemed to retreat inside herself—searching for something, anything that would make her feel the love her mother promised would be there, no matter what.

It was during these times, or perhaps because of them, that this quiet child began to display a spiritual side, a reminder to us that mom was never far from her mind.

One afternoon she picked up a catalog and casually began flipping through the pages. Her aunt and I noticed her lingering over a certain item. It was a memorial rock displaying the sentiment—"If prayers could build a stairway and memories a lane, I'd walk right up to heaven and bring you home again."

She showed us and quietly went back to flipping through the pages.

Darlene had also told her daughters to remember her each time they saw a penny. Each of the girls have a story about finding pennies at crucial times in their lives. Like the time Lauren was in a volleyball tournament and, out of nowhere, a penny came rolling towards her across the gymnasium floor.

Kara found her own meaning in the copper coin that would remind her of her mother. She asked her Aunt Marie, "Guess what I'm naming my daughter when I grow up?" "Penny," her aunt answered correctly.

And one day Kara got what she was longing for—a sign of sorts that would stir a small soul to believe. An older cousin invited Kara to go for a ride to pick up a rental car for a business trip. In the parking lot Kara stooped to pick up an odd looking feather. She showed her cousin who didn't give it much thought.

They no sooner settled into the rental car and Kara noticed it again. The same strange looking feather was there on the seat of the rental car. Now this was really weird. Kara asked her cousin where she thought it could have come from.

The quick thinking older cousin had the answer that Kara's heart had been yearning for. Kara was told that the feather must have come from heaven, a message from her mom that she had gotten her wings.

On this, the first year anniversary of the passing of Darlene, I feel Kara's feather from heaven is an eternal reminder of a mother's undying love... that not even death can separate.

Though gone from earthly sight, now a guardian angel to her children — for always and forever.

Student graduates State University

Paul Madsen from Oak Lawn, IL, graduated from Central Missouri State University May 10 with a Master of Science degree.

More than 1,000 students met their graduation requirements and were eligible to participate in the ceremonies.

Founded in 1871, Central is a comprehensive regional university which offers more than 150 undergraduate and graduate programs for its approximately 11,000 students.

Condolences to the family of
Maureen Falvey, former Alderman
of Hometown from the years
1977-1981.
She was a Parks and Recreation
Board member for over ten years.
Maureen passed away June 27,
2003 and will be missed.

Announcing graduation candidates

Jack Canfield, founder and co-creator of the best selling "Chicken Soup for the soul" book series, gave the spring commencement address at 3:00 pm, Sunday May 11, at The Mark of the Quad Cities in Moline, IL.

St. Amborse University, Davenport, Iowa, founded in 1882, is a liberal arts university affiliated with the Roman Catholic church.

The St. Ambrose mission is to enable students to develop intellectually, spiritually, ethically, socially, artistically and physically to enrich their own lives and the lives of others.

From Evergreen Park: James Konstant Jr. and Elizabeth Meyer

From La Grange: Allison Fox

From Oak Lawn: Kevin Crowe and Daniel Griffin

From Worth: Cynthia Fisher and James Miller Jr.

Pictured: Kevin Barsaloux, 7th grade student

Student receives high honors

Kevin Barsaloux, a seventh grade student at St. Bernadette School, Evergreen Park, was honored at Illinois State University on Sunday, June 1, for achieving the highest level of distinction as a top scorer on the 2003 ACT among the most able sixth, seventh and eighth grade students in the state of Illinois.

The ceremony was held at the Bone Student Center at Illinois State University in Normal where Paula Olszewski-Kubilius, director of the Center for Talent Development at Northwestern University, presented the awards.

Approximately 200 Illinois students were honored by the Midwest Talent Search which identifies academically talented students.

Also, Kevin has been invited to attend an additional ceremony next weekend at Northwestern University in Evanston which will honor only the highest score recipients.

Kevin attends St. Bernadette School and will be an eighth grade in fall 2003. His intention is to attend Notre Dame University upon graduation from high school. Kevin is the son of Susan Barsaloux, Evergreen Park.

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Evergreen Park offers the following programs

Rules of the Road

The Illinois Rules of the Road Class is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, from 10:00 am - noon at the Community Center, located at 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park.

This program serves those needing to study for driver's license renewal. A representative from the Secretary of State's Office will review current driving laws. There is no fee; however, registration is necessary and may be made by stopping at the Office of Citizens' Services at the above address, or by phoning 422-8776.

Trip to Las Vegas in Fall

Join the Evergreen Park Office of Citizens Services on a trip to Las Vegas from October 20 - October 24 (four nights at Treasure Island Hotel). The cost for this trip is $549 per person, based on double occupancy. A deposit of $100 due by August 8 holds reservation. The balance is due by September 4.

Special features include roundtrip with motorcoach from The Office of Citizens' Services, located at 3450 West 97th St., Evergreen Park, to Midway Airport, roundtrip airfare, hotel accommodations for four nights, hotel taxes, bellman gratuity, roundtrip airport hotel transfers.

OCS trips are open to all adults. Travelers may leave their automobiles in the Community Center parking lot. As the Las Vegas trips are very popular and fill quickly, we suggest you reserve as soon as possible.

Meeting "Just for fun" being held

The Evergreens meet on the First Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Auditorium of the H.B. Maher Community Center, located at 3450 W. 99th St., Evergreen Park.

This group is a social group which meets "just for fun." A $1 fee per meeting is paid at the door to cover refreshments. The group enjoys games, activities and annual Christmas party.

The annual "Ice Cream Social" is planned for August 6. Advance tickets $3 are available at the OCS (Address above).

Military announces

Marine Corps Pvt. Sean [illegible] U.S. [illegible] 2000 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School, Oak Lawn, Ill., recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

[illegible] recruits [illegible] with The Crucible, a 54-hour team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem and are addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

Summit Park holds Flea Market

On Saturday, September 20, 2003 the Flea Market at the Park will take place from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Come to the Park office located at 5700 S. Archer Rd. Summit to register and pay, so that you are guaranteed your space.

[illegible] at 8:00 am.

For further information call the Park office at 708 [illegible]. Office hours are 7:30 am - 3:30 pm Monday through Friday.

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Beer Tent
Starting at 6:00 pm
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Friday, Aug. 1

Main Stage

6:30-7:30 pm Now & Then
8:00-9:15 pm The Wax Code
Phantom Fours
9:40-10:50 pm Tommy [illegible] &
The [illegible]

Beer Tent
Starting at 6:00 pm
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Saturday, Aug. 2

Main Stage

4:45-6:15 pm Cat Fight
7:30-9:00 pm Infinity
9:30-10:45 pm Rick Springfield
Sponsored by Chi-Town Harley

Beer Tent
2:00-5:00 pm Alter Ego
Starting at 7:00 pm Left Overs

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Sunday, Aug. 3

Main Stage

2:30-4:00 pm 22.5 West
4:30-6:00 pm M&R Rush
6:30-8:00 pm Short Cuts
8:20-9:45 pm [illegible]
* Fireworks @ 9:45 PM
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Under summer sky, Oak Forest strikes down large ads

By David Vogner

Attending citizens ambling up the hill to the Oak Forest City Council Meeting held Tuesday, July 22 at City Hall were serenaded by the brisk drums of young violinists, their spry, airy stringing resonating throughout the city square air. And that same little midsummer atmosphere that those musicians Izabela Perlmann and Sarah Chang plucked forward carried over to the City Council meeting, which speedily came to its conclusion almost as soon as it began.

The cornerstone issue deliberated at the Tuesday meeting concerned the authorization of outdoor, offsite advertising, extending into the realm of illuminated signs and placement on vacant property. Though the specific consideration related to a property at 4375 Frontage Road, the larger issue at stake in the council chambers was if large, intrusive advertisements would be in the future for this city of 28,000. And in a resounding vote the council said no.

"It's not feasible. I don't want something that big over there," said Alderman Anthony Chinino. And there was not an alderperson who did want the proposed offsite sign there either, as every member voted down the measure, ensuring that the city's next ban on large signs will stand pat.

In other proceedings, an issue concerning poor street management, which at the last meeting had roiled over many members of the council, was quickly solved Tuesday as the council appropriated not more than $33,000 to provide for improvements. The area of Kathleen Court had been a city blight for years, with low-lying gravel streets veritably feet lower than curbsides. When the amount is broken down, the actual improvement cost was extrapolated to a figure close to $29,900, while transportation costs were estimated at $1,500. The money is to be taken from the city's motor fuel tax fund.

Alderman Gregory A. Simon, though, raised concern over the amount of funds still available in the motor fuel tax fund. However, city administrator Kent D. Reyner and the council vowed to pursue back-billed payments from the developer of the Kathleen Court subdivisions to reimburse the city.

In addition to paving streets, the city paved away its old cellular service provider in favor of a new South Side cell phone behemoth, U.S. Cellular. Recently, the company bought naming rights to the former Comiskey Park, home to the Chicago White Sox. The city's former provider was Nextel, a company that had promised to make improvements to the city's City Hall service with one caveat—the installation of a $10,000 antenna to prop up on the roof. Oak Forest's new plan will call for the purchase of 30 new cell phones.

Oak Forest is also looking to improve its sewer system as the city hired Baxter & Woodman to conduct dye testing on the city's sanitary grade sewers at the intersection of Henry Street and Terry Street. Baxter & Woodman will test the infiltration system for dyes at a bill under $4,500.

As mentioned, proceedings got off to a quick start with the council paying homage to the 50th anniversary of the establishing of the Bremen Community High School District 228. Although school district students enjoying the summer break are probably thinking of everything besides school, the council took time to praise the district and its outstanding presence in the community. The district is comprised of Bremen, Tinley Park and Oak Forest High Schools.

To commemorate former Mayor Ernest F. "Ernie" Kolb, the Village View pays tribute through a collage of articles and photos reflecting what this man has done throughout his terms as mayor of Oak Lawn. The Village View felt it necessary to honor this man who has impacted the lives of many throughout his twenty-five years of leadership for the village of Oak Lawn.

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Orland Park hosts community expo

The Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce will host its 14th annual Community EXPO on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at Century Jr. High School located at 10801 West 159th Street in Orland Park. The EXPO will feature a multitude of family oriented activities, commercial booths, an auto show and a Kid's Health Expo.

Businesses interested in participating may contact the Chamber office at 708-349-2792.

An insider look at the lyric

Don't miss this opportunity to learn what goes on behind the scenes during a Lyric Opera performance. On Sunday, August 17, at 2:30 pm at Palos United Methodist Church located at 121st and Harlem, Palos Heights, the southwest Chapter of Lyric Opera of Chicago will present Caroline Moores, Production Stage Manager for Lyric Opera of Chicago.

What you see on stage is just the tip of the iceberg. Ms. Moores will reveal what we don't see or hear that makes the performance run smoothly.

BAPA hosts Music under the Stars

Live music under the summer sky, picnic foods and Original Rainbow Cones, fireworks bursting among the stars.

Join the Beverly Area Planning Association (BAPA) on Sunday, Aug. 3 for a performance by Rich Daniels and the City Lights Orchestra at Music Under the Stars on the grounds of Morgan Park Academy, located at 2153 W. 111th St., Chicago.

The evening begins at 6:00 pm with free dance lessons by John and Marta Bell of The Dance Gallery.

Rich Daniels and the City Lights Orchestra take the stage at 7:00 pm to perform contemporary, popular swing, big band and jazz.

Specializing in the big band sound that gets the audience tapping their toes or heading for the dance floor, Rich Daniels and the City Lights Orchestra have repertoire that spans the generations.

Bring blankets or chairs from home, or rent chairs for $1 each that night from Tents R Us; proceeds benefit BAPA. Groups of eight are invited to reserve a table in advance for $80.

Picnic style foods and beverages will be available for purchase from favorite local vendors Porkee's, Calabria Imports and Town Liquor, or you can pack your own picnic basket.

After the music enjoy a fireworks display to celebrate the American spirit.

The donation for advance tickets for Music Under the Stars are $8 per person or $15 per family (two adults with children) in advance, or $8 per person or $17 per family at the door. $7 for seniors.

Purchase advanced tickets through BAPA at 10233 S. Wood St. (phone: 773-233-3100) from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. (Visa and Mastercard only accepted when ordering through BAPA.)

Building Model Railroads at the Tinley Park Library

Explore the exciting world of model railroading at the Tinley Park Public Library on Thursday, August 14 at 7:00 pm with hobbyist Larry Jankowski, who has been building model railroads for many years.

Jankowski designs and builds custom railroads for both business and residential clientele; he will provide a variety of hobby tips for railroad enthusiasts.

Registration begins Monday, August 4 in person at the library or by phoning 532-0160 ext. 4.

The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue.

Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Ernest F. Kolb – A Memorial Tribute to the late OL Mayor

Oak Lawn will prevent flooding by the progress of Oakdale retention pond

By Frank Soczek

Construction will soon resume on the Oakdale Storm Water Detention Pond at Lamb Drive and Harnew Road.

Basic excavation has been completed by the HHC group, general contractors on the project. The Village purchased six residential homes to create the detention pond, which will hopefully alleviate the chronic flooding problems experienced by residents of the Oakdale subdivision.

Plans call for a landscaped basin which will remain dry when not functioning as a storage basin for up to 2 million gallons of storm water. Powerful pumps will transfer the water into newly reinforced neighborhood storm sewers for disposal.

Many neighbors expressed concern for the lack of fencing, citing potential safety problems. Village authorities to date have dismissed such barriers as being "aesthetically unattractive."

According to the Oak Lawn Public Works Dept. "Depending on the weather, the project should be completed by the end of the summer."

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Kolb supports Garden Club "Clean-Up"

Mayor Ernie Kolb is shown lending his support to the Oak Lawn Garden Club clean-up and [illegible] Anderson, Marie Vesgaro, Kolb and [illegible]

Mayor Ernest Kolb is shown lending his support to the Oak Lawn Garden Club clean-up and beautification of the Blue Star Memorial Park.

In November of [illegible], the Oak Lawn Garden Club completed landscaping the area located on [illegible] Drive just north of [illegible] Street, now known as the Blue Star Memorial Park. The tract is an extension of the Memorial Park containing a demilitarized army tank and a plaque in tribute to the armed forces of all wars. [illegible] years ago the Oak Lawn Garden Club [illegible] planted trees and shrubs and installed the park benches. [illegible]

Mayor Kolb has been supportive of the Oak Lawn Garden Club and has shown considerable interest in their community beautification projects as far back as [illegible] when he was the Oak Lawn Village Clerk.

The Oak Lawn Garden Club is currently sponsoring its [illegible] annual Beautiful Yards Contest. Contest Chairman Marie Vesgaro encourages all amateur gardeners to enter the contest which will be held on July [illegible]. The contest is open to all amateur gardeners who are residents of Oak Lawn. Members of the Oak Lawn Garden Club are not eligible to enter. Residents may enter the contest by calling [illegible]

Village View News, August 1975

Water contract would link Oak Lawn-Matteson

A meeting between the village officials and those of Matteson to discuss the possibility of selling [illegible] water was held on Wednesday, July 23. [illegible]

Village mgr. Ken McDonald said that he had prepared a single contract in advance which was mailed to the village officials of Matteson for their perusal in order to make the meeting as productive as possible. The village pres. Joseph Fedorey and the village clerk, [illegible] both had the opportunity to review it but [illegible] Joseph Fedorey was out of town.

"In any event," McDonald said, "everything seemed largely in order and we should be able to work things out."

The village of Oak Lawn was well represented at the meeting. Those in attendance were pres. Fred Dumke; village mgr. Ken McDonald; trustees [illegible] and Joseph Vogrich; atty. [illegible] and Don Canning, public works director.

From Matteson were pres. [illegible] Fedorey; village clerk [illegible]; public works dir. [illegible]; and trustees [illegible] Larry Mahoney, Walter Meyer and Arthur [illegible].

Ernie, You will be missed

Back (l to r): Bill Sullivan, Lee [illegible] Front (l to r): [illegible] Mayor Ernie Kolb, Harold Miller. Mayor Kolb buys the Oak Lawn Kiwanis Peanut Day [illegible]

Peanut Day Volunteers Needed

The Oak Lawn Kiwanis Club will once again sponsor its annual PEANUT DAYS on September 26th and 27th for the support of its charitable projects. Volunteers are urgently needed to help make PEANUT DAY a success. Anyone who can spare even two hours for this every-year campaign will be asked to distribute peanuts for donations at key locations in the area. All of the money collected by the Oak Lawn Kiwanis Club stays in the Oak Lawn area and is used for charitable purposes only. Not one cent is used for club operating expenses. Among the recipients of Kiwanis grants are the Park Lawn and Gordon Schools for the Handicapped; the Hospitalized War Veterans; food distribution to the needy; and summer camping for handicapped children.

Please call Harold Miller, campaign chairman, at 422-2[illegible] to volunteer or to get additional information.

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Palos Heights bans smoking at the pool

By Carlene O'Connor

At the Palos Heights City Council meeting, Alderman Prestinario asked residents to become volunteers to keep Palos Heights beautiful. For this program there will be fund-raisers, committees, and all sorts of activities to become involved in. Some are: adopt a tree, economic development, recreational programs, etc., which one can take part in once a year if that is what time allows. Call City Hall for more details on how to become involved and encourage your neighbors.

There will be no more smoking at the pool despite some objection that was given at the meeting. People who want to smoke will have to go outside of the fenced area, away from the baby pool, into the parking lot and grassed area.

The council gave Cook County $700,000 in revenue from the Lake Katherine Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district for the year 2002.

Mayor Bob Straz appointed Patricia Hynes, Jeff Richards, Alderman Prestinario and Steve Seefluth to the Lake Katherine Sponsorship Committee which he will also serve.

On August [illegible], everyone is invited to come out and judge the trees on Harlem Avenue. It should be a nice and festive event. All the participants have worked so hard.

CHICAGO RIDGE BOARD ADDRESS SAFETY CONCERN

By Matt Mayer

At the July 15th Chicago Ridge board meeting, the board moved swiftly through the agenda. Residents from the area of 102nd and Natchez addressed the board. Residents claim that motorists are using the street as a short cut off of Southwest Highway - traveling at excessive speeds. Residents also asked that something be done for the safety of their children. In response to their concerns, the board approved a 3 way stop sign at these corners as well as requesting additional police surveillance.

The board approved a business license for Chili's Grill at the Mall. The board also approved an increase in the number of Class "D" liquor licenses by one - this license will be granted to Chili's, which is slated to open September 10th. A request from the Worth High School cheerleaders to collect funds on July 19th and 20th was also approved.

The board approved hiring planning expert (RSTP&P - in conjunction with Ruth Vissar is - the principal conducting the fieldwork. Also Oak Lawn Mosquito Abatement District and the village are alternately placing larvicide briquettes catch basins throughout the summer months for mosquito treatment.

Trustee Bruce Quintos reported he had received $260 from the Queen of the Ridge and her Court - car wash the proceeds were brought to be donated to the American cancer society. Another fund-raiser charity is planned in the future.

Mayor Siegel concluded the meeting by reading a thank you letter addressed to all departments, from Police Chief Tim Rademacher, expressing his gratitude for their assistance on July 5th, when a micro burst hit an area in the village, knocking power lines down, uprooting trees, and damaging apartment building roofs.

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Rotary Club at Palos Fest

By Carlene O'Connor

The Rotary Club at Palos Fest in Palos Hills this week helped out in the beer tent. The Rotary Club of Moraine Valley is a not-for-profit service organization and is a member of Rotary International. The Club includes the five towns of Bridgeview, Chicago Ridge, Hickory Hills, Palos Hills and Worth. It was chartered in 1978 and has raised thousands of dollars. There are membership dues and fees to pay for administrative costs.

The main service project is Helping Hands. Each year the members spend a whole day working on the home of an elderly or handicapped person who cannot afford or is unable to maintain their home.

Examples of the causes which have benefited from these fine people are Fine and Performing Arts Center at Moraine Valley Community College, the Crisis Center, St. Coletta's School for the Handicapped, and many other groups. Their goal is to promote peace and understanding throughout the world.

Chicago Ridge Library continues Gardening Gala series

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, located at 10400 S. Oxford, will continue its Gardening Gala Series with "Serenity Gardens: Design Ideas on a Budget". Join us on Thursday, August 7 at 7:00 pm and learn how to transform your patio or balcony into a calming retreat without spending a fortune. Look for "end of the season" bargains and start planning your 2004 garden projects. Decorative screens, fences, arbors and outdoor furniture will be presented in a slide presentation.

The program is free, but call the library at 423-7753 to register.

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Crazy Bingo returns!

Attention all Hickory Hills and Palos Hills adults! Do you like to play Crazy Bingo? Bring a wrapped prize and join us for a morning of fun at the Green Hills Public Library. We will be playing Crazy Bingo on Friday, August 8, at 10:30 AM. Refreshments will be served! Please call to register at 598-8446 ext. 28. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street, Palos Hills.

Ernest F. Kolb - A Memorial Tribute to the late OL Mayor

RTA office open in OL

Ernie Kolb, village clerk (r) [illegible] volunteers who attended the opening. Other local dignitaries on hand to greet volunteers were (l to r, seated) Mary [illegible], pres [illegible] League of Women Voters; Dorothy [illegible], vice pres LWV and [illegible]. Standing (l to r) [illegible], pres OL-LWV, J. Theodore Meyer, candidate for state representative (R-28) and Ernie Kolb.

The RTA Citizens Committee for Better Transportation opened a campaign office in Oak Lawn at 5251 w 95th st, Monday, Feb. 18. It will be the center for all RTA volunteer activities in this area.

They greeted the volunteers in front of the RTA office, and then went in to the office for further discussion on the RTA bill.

Local volunteers working at the Oak Lawn RTA office will be available to get answers to all questions about the RTA. They will be out working in their own community, talking to their neighbors, and telling the facts about the RTA.

Volunteers will be distributing written material and doing [illegible] to make certain that Oak Lawn area residents understand what RTA is all about.

Village View News,
March 1974

Kolb proclaims 'Pet Responsibility Week'

Following an announcement that from Sept. 18 thru 24, 1977 will be deemed "Pet Responsibility Week," Mayor Ernie Kolb and Village Clerk Jayne Powers have signed such a proclamation. Taking the whole scene away from Kolb was his dog "Heidi" whose paw print was affixed to the order.

The objective in announcing the specially designated week is to draw attention to alleviate social and environmental problems caused by irresponsible or thoughtless pet owners.

The problems as listed are:

1. Too many unwanted animals that must be euthanized.
2. Animal excrement that fouls public and private property.
3. Injuries and damage to persons and property caused by free-roaming pets.
4. Noises and other nuisances caused by pets that are not controlled.
5. The suffering of the animals that are neglected or abandoned.

Traditionally, pets have [illegible] with purpose in society. They are companions and offer a source of psychological support; they provide leisure-time activities; they also serve as protection. The root of the problem is not the pet but the pet owner who does not understand or ignores the fact that ownership entails many new responsibilities.

The Pet Food Institute is requesting that cat clubs, dog clubs, animal welfare organizations and interested individuals to plan activities during the week of Sept. 18 to 24 which focus public attention on the pet owner's responsibilities and possible ways for pet owners to learn how to care for their pets.

To bring up a child in the way he should go, travel that way yourself once in a while.

—Josh Billings

Ernie, You will be missed

Memorial planning meeting in OL

There will be a meeting to discuss the Vietnam Memorial being planned for Springfield. The date of the meeting is Thursday, December 12, 1985 at 8:00 p.m. at the Oak Lawn VFW Post No. 5220, 9514 S. 52nd Ave.

There will be a scale model of the Memorial at the Post. Once you see it, I think you will agree that it is a proper and fitting Monument that we can all be proud of.

There will be a presentation given by Richard Trench from the Green Oak American Legion followed by a discussion. This meeting is open to all. It is not a fundraiser. So, bring a friend for [illegible] and good company. For further information call [illegible].

Mayor Ernie Kolb and Village Clerk Jayne Powers (r) were on hand to watch as the operator began the grading for the new Oak Lawn Norfolk Western Train Depot.

Construction started

Oak Lawn officials announce the new Oak Lawn Norfolk Western Train Depot.

The new depot will be located on the northwest corner of the commuter lot near the parking meters and will consist of 1,250 square feet of floor space. There will be two new asphalt platforms, one [illegible] feet on the outbound side and one 570 feet on the inbound. Three crosswalks and 700 feet of overhead drainage are included in the project and 12 new pavement lights will be erected for visibility and commuter safety.

The project which was started on September 16, 1985 is expected to be completed before the end of the year.

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Moraine Valley announces president's list

Moraine Valley Community College has announced the students named to its President's List for the Spring 2003 semester.

Students named to Moraine Valley's President's List [illegible] alphabetically below. Qualification for the President's List [illegible] grade point average of 3.75 to 4.00.

For more information, call Marianne Naughton, public relations specialist, at (708) 974-5276 or e-mail her at [illegible]@morainevalley.edu.

From Burbank: Michelle Barber, Jennifer L. Berg, [illegible], Carolyn R. Bode, Jason Buchner, Kristine Coppage, Michael E. Dunn, Howard J. Diaz, [illegible] Ertl, [illegible], Christine Hadac, Nijole R. Hamilla, Lawrence Hardiman, [illegible] R. Henning, Gary Horvath, Eric Hruby, [illegible] O. [illegible], Andrew [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Michael Maloney, Jeremy S. Mikula, Jessie Ming, Kathleen McGuire, Russell M. [illegible], Yuk Lun Nip, Jacqueline M. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Tracy A. Pawlak, Veronica [illegible], Maryam Pogorelskin, Jonathan Reed, Marianne [illegible], William Riley, Javier Rivera, [illegible], Eric Sandberg, Vicente Villarreal, Kathy G. Villas, [illegible], Teri M. Zidow.

From Evergreen Park: Elizabeth M. Adams, Amy Baier, Jason M. Bevans, George L. Biggs, Shawn Bird, Alex D. Brandt, Jean A. Brown, Lucas Cantora, [illegible] R. Connolly, Leah Curtis, Sarah L. Czajka, Valerie C. Ferrara, Tracy L. Fitzgerald, Julie [illegible], John M. Fortner, Alberto R. Gonzalez, Beverly Hayes, Rose Hasting, Faith Hesse, [illegible], James E. Hickey, Marianne L. Hoover, Robert W. Kane, Thomas F. Kaminski, Cheryl Lane, Katelyn Leaney, [illegible], Lynn M. Manning, [illegible], Antoinette McCullough, [illegible] E. McDonald, Michael V. [illegible], Benjamin P. Nowicki, Kathryn E. Nowicki, [illegible], Cynthia L. [illegible], Sharon Rogers, Krystle Ross, Colleen T. Ryan, Nicole Santrock, Shelly Sims, Daniel L. [illegible], Renee S. Williams, Lauren Zimny.

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The Phoenix Art Museum is located just north of Downtown Phoenix on Central Ave. Here you'll find international exhibitions and more than 17,000 works of art—the largest in the Southwest.

38th Cowboy Artists of America Sale and Exhibition at the Phoenix Art Museum

In 1965, a group of men gathered at Bird's Oak Creek Tavern, Sedona, Arizona to form this association of artists who are also cowboys. Since that day in June, the group has become the premier Western American art association in the country.

The CAA Sale will be held on Friday, October 17, 2003 at 6 pm (by ticket sale only), the night before the CAA opens to the public. More than 1,000 collectors and admirers of the Western American Art will attend the luck-of-the-draw sale, which features more than 130 works in oil, watercolor, drawings, and sculptures in bronze and stone.

The CAA sale is a specially anticipated event that attracts hundreds of collectors from around the world. Many works sell in the six figures and last year's gross sales set a record, topping the $2.7 million mark.

The Cowboy Artists of America Exhibition will open to the public on Saturday, October 18 and continues will run through November 16, 2003. Exhibition hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10-5 pm; Thursday from 10-9 pm, and closed on Monday.

For Museum information, contact Phoenix Art Museum at (602) 307-1880, e-mail info@phxart.org, or visit www.phxart.org.

For more information about attending the Sale, contact Ruth Kasper at (602) 257-8382. For media information, contact Nan Zierden, Public Information Specialist at (602) 307-2007, or e-mail at nan.zierden@phxart.org.

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Left to right pictured are Amy Zeisler and Adam Zeisler from Evanston, Illinois. Contact them on their website at www.downtownatlantis.com Amyjay49@hotmail.com

Buskers join together to entertain

by Annette Dixon

Talented buskers from Florida, Wisconsin, Illinois and the country of Canada entertained at Buskerfest '03 recently.

Busterfest '03 was held recently in which the performers continuously performed between Michigan Avenue from the Illinois Center Plaza to Prudential Plaza.

Buskerfest is presented by Chicago's New East Side Association whose members are The Hyatt Regency Chicago, The Fairmont Chicago, Prudential Plaza, AON, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, 303 E. Wacker, 233 N. Michigan, the Lakeshore Atheletic Club and others.

Some of the entertainers are Johnny Meah, who lived a life with circus performers and was a great performer. Now an author, Meah is a expert on side show trivia, therefore converting his knowledge on canvas and banners. His latest novella, *Polidore*, will be on sale at Michigan Plaza and the banners will be at Carl Hammer Gallery in Chicago and Michigan Avenue Neiman Marcus.

Adam Zeisler, juggler and kinetic artist, showed his talents to a group of press representatives. His wife Amy and son Sebastian were available for comment. Amy Zeisler, stated that as costume designer, she gets most of her jobs from circus performers. They know that her expert talent will enhance their act so they assign her the job.

She also makes mascot costumes, props for Performa Troupes Luma. Amy attended International Academy of Design and Toledo Museum of Art. Most of her natural designs are her God given talent of making something out of nothing.

Amy loves to buy from resale shops and garage sales and incorporates items she has purchased into an appropriate costume for an entertainer. For example, Amy bought a screen for $1, painted the screen, hung fabric on it, and then made a silhouette from a stencil after enlarging it at Kinkos. She stenciled the enlarged logo which was on the back of her husband's business card. After placing it on the spray painted screen, she touched up the edges, and then sprayed acrylic paint to give the silhouette a protected finish.

Adam is happy with his props and unique costumes, designed by Amy. Amy mentioned the functionalist which she utilized in clothing. She uses fine wire on suits with eight different patterns that all light up from sound activation.

Amy sewed over 100 feet of wire into the suit, designed the suit, and sewed it by hand within three weeks. After telling me how she got started, I knew this woman was a natural talent.

At age six, Amy would mix and match her mother's socks and hats and make a skirt with them. She said, "My mother didn't wear the skirt."

Did you ever have a great big face painted by an artist? Paul Merklein draws six feet faces of adults and children. Paul comes from Milwaukee and believes he is the only one who draws large faces.

Don't miss an issue!

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Crotty Bills signed into law

The Governor signed three bills this week relating to senior-assisted living, early childhood intervention and physician assistants.

These bills were sponsored in the Senate by State Senator Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest).

In an effort to enhance Illinois seniors' quality of life, House Bill 1442 outlines provisions for an assisted living or shared housing establishment to request a floating license. This license would permit a certain number of beds within the facility to be maintained for those people that need a higher level of care.

House Bill 2848 will authorize the Department of Human Services and the providers of early intervention services to have access to child abuse and neglect records for the purpose of determining whether a current or prospective employee who provides direct services to children is a perpetrator of child abuse or neglect.

Senate Bill 1117 allows physician assistants to determine if a person has a disability, if they have been delegated that authority by his/her supervising physician. This determination would only apply to the application of disability license plates or an Illinois Disabled Person Identification Card issued by the Secretary of State.

Hamfest 2003 radio club

Hamfesters Radio Club will hold its 69th annual Hamfest on Sunday August 10, 2003 at the Will County Fairgrounds in Peotone, Ill. Exit 327 from I-57 1/2 mile east. Tickets are $6 at the gate; kids under 12 are free. (Also available: Free Parking.)

What is a Hamfest? It is an Amateur Radio event where all kinds of electronic gear from vintage radios to the latest computers are sold.

The flea market opens at 6 a.m. and the main exhibition hall at 8 a.m. For those studying for new or upgraded Amateur Radio license, VE testing will be held from 8 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

For ticket information call Jim Riley, KB9CYL at 708-218-0695 or email kb9cyl@att.net.

School's starting up again soon. Be ready by checking out our "Back to School" issue on August 19th

Jesse White unveils Armed Forces Memorial

Illinois Secretary of State, Jesse White, recently presented his Armed Forces Memorial Exhibit in the lobby of the James R. Thompson Center. White was joined by Chicago Board of Elections Commissioner Theresa Petrone, who contributed the materials for the exhibit, and Chicago Alderman Jim Balcer of the 11th Ward, vice-chairman of the Chicago Fourth of July Commemorative Committee. The exhibit provids a history of the Korean War and honors America's veterans.

Alderman Balcer is a recipient of the Purple Heart and Bronze Star, which he received while serving in the Vietnam War.

Pictured from the left is White, Petrone, and Balcer.

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When Terry Budds came to ST. FRANCIS for his HEALTHY HEART EXAM, Dr. [illegible] discovered Terry had two arteries that were so badly blocked, he needed emergency surgery. Fortunately, due to the integrated coordination of the heart care team, Terry was able to have his life-saving Double Bypass Procedure within hours. That's how the ST. FRANCIS HEALTHY HEART EXAM is different. It's the experience of the heart care team who accurately pinpoints problems, and then has the ability to respond quickly. Terry Budds knows that in all matters of the heart, it matters where you go.

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"It's Elementary Astrology" **A Psychic Insight** based on the **Elements**: ***Water*** [Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces] ***Earth*** [Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn] ***Fire*** [Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius] ***Air*** [Gemini, Libra and Aquarius] and **Astrology Sun Signs.** Initials given (if any) can be first or last names of people involved.

***Water Signs**: There is no better time than right now to pay attention to your job or career and make changes if necessary. You cannot be both the victor and the victim in a family dispute either. Stand your grounds and don't choke on your words and all can work out well for you this month. Exercise both your mind and your body and do some walking too. More money is coming your way and much better health and circumstance too. Listen to soul-instincts. J aids and a Scorpio.

***Earth Signs**: Okay, get ready to make big decisions for yourself and others as well. Apparently, others are seeing into that part of you that can solve their problems and may lay more on you than you want. But, something good always comes from doing good for others. A Gemini, a Virgo, a Leo and a Pisces are all in this month's scenario. Have a party. Do some exploring by taking short trips and bring your metal detector with you. Someone known by a nickname helps.

***Fire Signs**: If you can make changes that you really desire to make, just do it. You have been putting a lot of things off, and, resenting it. Okay, this is also a month to forgive others who have done you some kind of wrong. Forgiveness heals not only the offender but also the offended. Gemini, Cancer and other Fire signs, Aries, Leo and Sagittarius, are united in their fight for better health and wealth.

***Air Signs**: Make no mistake, you need to save money, and or help others to do the same. You might try investing in bonds, stocks and legal drug remedies. You gain a victory over bratty kids and their unreasonable demands. Speak up about your sexual needs and other personal needs. This month gives you opened doors that may close all too soon (Sept.). A "secret" you really would not want out in the open is found out and someone delights in telling all.

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Jacki Mari [Sherlockjacki]

Navy Pier and Smith Museum offering free guided tours

Navy Pier Walk, the world's largest outdoor sculpture exhibit and the Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows, the only museum in the nation dedicated solely to stained glass, are now offering free guided tours throughout the summer months.

Beginning July 3 through October 20, Navy Pier will offer free tours that will be open to the public every Thursday at 1:00 pm.

Navy Pier Walk Program Director Patricia Boden will guide the 45 minute tour, which will feature biographical information about each artist of the pieces that are visited. A total of 16 sculptures will be highlighted during the tour, which will begin at the information desk at the west end of Navy Pier.

Navy Pier Walk features a collection of 36 sculptures placed on Navy Pier's Dock Street and Family Pavillion.

This large exhibit is enjoying its ninth year as a celebrated part of Chicago's deep commitment to the arts.

The free tours will help visitors to better understand and appreciate the full meaning of these works of art.

For further details please call 312-595-5019, or visit the web site at www.pierwalk.org.

The Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows offers complimentary tours every Friday afternoon at 2:30 pm. Rolf Achilles, the curator of the Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows, will lead visitors through the extensive collection of over 150 stained glass windows.

In addition visitors will have the opportunity to view 18 new Louis Comfort Tiffany Windows, which have been recently added to the Museum.

The tours will meet at the west end of the Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows, by Riva Restaurant. To book a private tour, please call 312-595-5024.

Evergreen Park throws swim bash

The time is near for school to begin, how about ending your summer with a swim! Join us for a night of music, dancing, swimming, and fun at the second annual swim bash at Evergreen Aqua Club, 8956 South Troy on Tuesday, August 12.

The fun begins at 6:30 pm and ends at 9:30 pm. You must be able to prove that you are an Evergreen Park resident, i.e. driver's license. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Best of all, admission is free.

Call Gail at 422-1551 if you have any questions.

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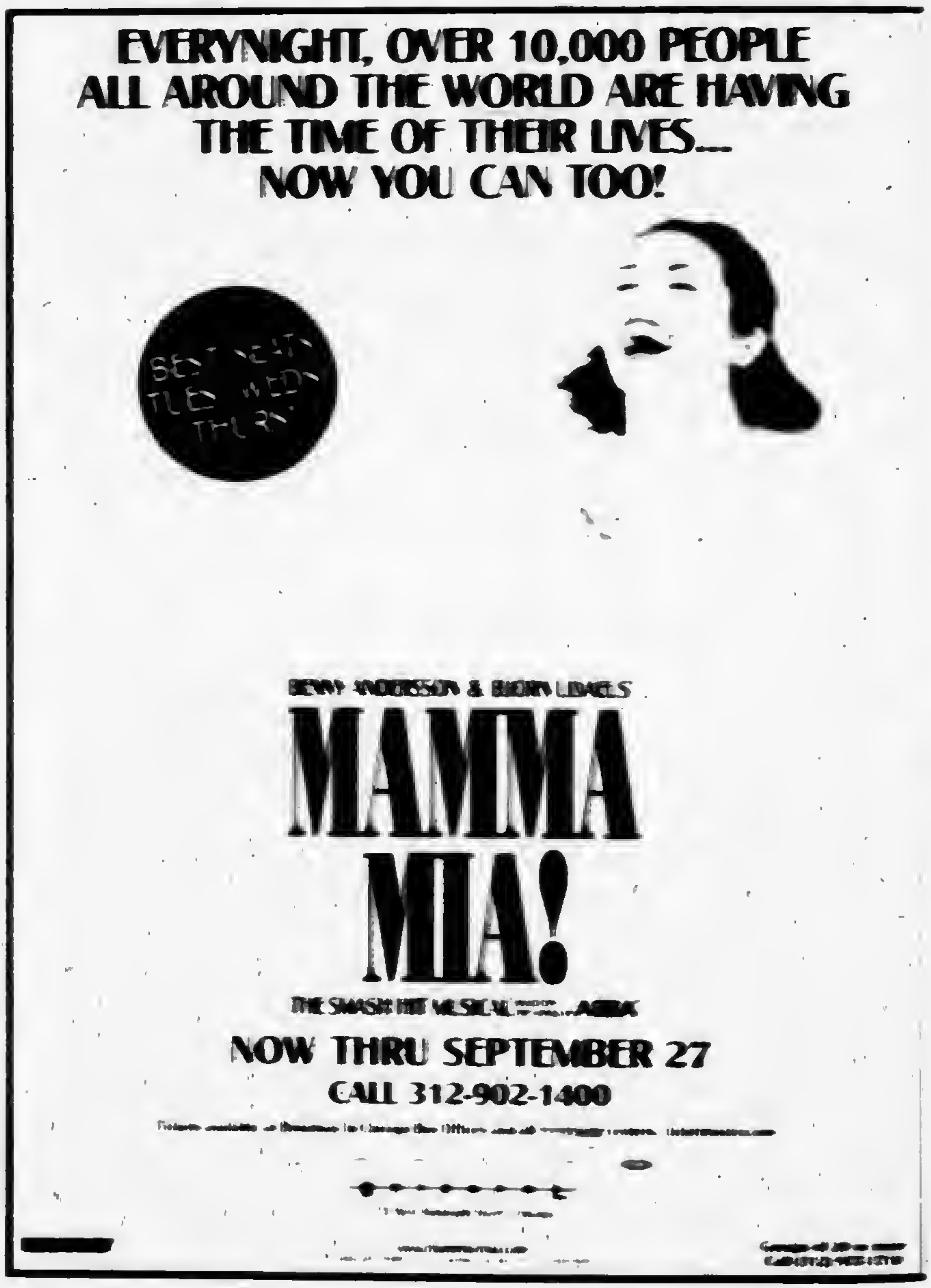

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Marist speech and acting team at national competition

Marist High School Speech and Acting Team members Colleen Smith (60643), Josh Fuerst (60803), Frank Nielsen (60803), Tom Schueman (60655), and Chris Lonergan (60655) participated in the National Speech Competition in Arlington, Virginia over the Memorial Day weekend. It was quite an honor for them to qualify for this tournament by placing within the top 6 competitors for each category in the Chicago Catholic League.

With over 2,000 students competing at Nationals each year, it is very difficult to advance to the Final Rounds. In each preliminary level, students are triple judged because ranks are subjective. A competitor might be eliminated because one the numerous judges preferred another competitor's style of performance. Therefore, the team was incredibly excited when, despite these challenges, sophomore Josh Fuerst broke to Octofinals in Declamation. Josh competed with the Top 48 students in the Country in his category, and then advanced the Quarter Finals. Josh held his own against the Top 24 competitors and broke through once again to the Semifinals. Josh finished as one of the top 12 Competitors in the National Catholic League.

Speech and Acting Team Coach, Ms. Holly Cox commented, "Only one other student in the history of the Marist Speech Team has ever advanced that far in the National Competition!"

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Photo Caption: The Marist High School Chicago group at Marist College in New York.

Marist youth gather in New York

Over the Memorial Day Weekend, 15 Marist High School students traveled to Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York for the third annual Marist Youth Gathering. Each year the weekend brings together students and faculty from Marist schools across the nation. Brother Brendan Brennan, FMS and Ms. Tammy Ochoa of the Religious Studies department accompanied the students, who were nominated by members of the Religion Department and selected based on their personal essays.

During the weekend, the students and faculty had the opportunity to: Experience a greater understanding of their Marist identity as being larger than any one school; explore their sense of call to the Marist vision and mission; and appreciate the courage, energy, and faith of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers.

The students are already planning Marist service-based programs and projects for next year based on their leadership experience at the gathering. Students who attended from Marist Chicago include:

Elise	Crnjak	60655
Matthew	Doherty	60463
Edward	Duda	60803
Caroline	Dunleavy	60643
Allison	Gundlach	60643
Kayleen	Haberkorn	60462
Alexander	Kikilas	60457
Molly	Malone	60805
Mary	McClelland	60655
Daniel	Namoff	60445
Jeffery	Neubauer	60462
Thomas	Niemiera	60462
Sean	O'Connor	60463
Luke	Stortzum	60462
Jordan	Williams	60453

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Library holds gardening gala

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, will continue its Gardening Gala Series with "Serenity Gardens: Design Ideas on a Budget". Join us on Thursday, August 7th at 7:00 p.m. and learn how to transform you patio or balcony into a calming retreat without spending a fortune. Look for "end of the season" bargains and start planning your 2004 garden projects. Decorative screens, fences, arbors and outdoor furniture will be presented in a slide presentation. The program is free, but call the library at 423-7753 to register.

Crochet at Green Hills

Want to learn how to crochet? Join the "Green Hills Needlers" on August 6 and 20 at 6:30 p.m. and learn the basics of crocheting. Quilting and other needlework projects are also welcome to join the group. Bring your current project and show off your work or learn a new needlecraft. Call 598-8446 ext. 20 to register for the free class. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Book talk with Rich Lindberg

Join us at the library August 13 at 7:00 p.m. for a book talk and signing with noted Chicago author and historian Richard Lindberg. He will be discussing his newly released book "Shattered Sense of Innocence: the Child Murders that changed the way America looked at itself." For more information please call Adult Services at 708-598-8446 ext. 20. The Library is located at 8611 W 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

50th Anniversary of Korean War: OrlandPark Commemorates the Armistice

The Village of Orland Park and the Orland Park Veterans' Commission will join communities across the nation to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice. The armistice was signed on July 27, 1953, ending the 1950-1953 Korean War.

A display commemorating the Korean War will be open for public viewing in the lobby of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue from June 21st through August 8th. A video highlighting events of the war and those who served will play next to the display. Pamphlets detailing the history of the war will also be available.

The Frederick T. Owens Village Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call 708/403-6203.

World Travelers

Pack your bags and don't forget your library passport for The Tinley Park Public Library World Travelers program, presented by Rudy Unger on Thursday, August 7 at 7:00 pm. We will relax on the picturesque shores of Lake Como and tour the cities of Montreaux, Vienna, Saltzburg, Innsbruck, and Munich – just to name a few. Registration begins Monday, July 28 in person or by phoning 532-0160 ext. 4. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Tinley Tomes

The afternoon session of the Tinley Park Public Library adult book discussion group will meet Wedesday, August 13 at 1:30 pm to discuss Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe by Fannie Flagg. No registration required. Books are available at the reference desk one month prior to discussion date. Phone 532-0160 ext. 2 for info. Audio and large print versions available upon request. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Ave. Phone 5320-0160 ext. 2 for information. Visit our website atwww.tplibrary.org.

Lights! Camera! READ! Grand Finale

The youth services department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites children who have completed the summer reading club requirements by July 25 to this exciting event on Wednesday, July 30 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Cupcake the Clown will make an appearance between 1:30 and 2:30 pm, and Anna Stange will tickle your funny bone with her musical performance at 2:30 pm. Ice cream will be served, and the drawing for prizes will take place. For additional info, phone the youth services department at 532-0160 ext. 125. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Ave. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Orland Park Police to Host Ride for Special Olympics Illinois

Second Annual Bike Ride

Bike riders, age twelve and older, are invited to join the Orland Park Police Department Bike Patrol Unit for a fourteen mile ride through Orland Park and the Tinley Creek Forest Preserve on Sunday, August 24, 3003 to benefit Special Olympics Illinois. The ride will begin and end at Sam Maguire's Restaurant at 149th & LaGrange Road, on the west side of the Orland Square Shopping Center. Check-in/registration is at 6:30 a.m. and the ride begins at 7:30 a.m. Cost is $10.00 per person.

Pre-registration will be available until 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 22nd at the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue and at the Orland Park Police Station, 14600 South Ravinia Avenue. Registration will also be available the morning of the ride.

T-shirts will be given to the first 100 riders. Refreshments will be available to all riders before and after the race.

Additional information is available by calling the Orland Park Police Department's non-emergency number at 7[illegible] 349-4111.

Moraine Valley offers following programs

For the classes listed below, register in person by visiting the Admission, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

Students can also register by phone with an operator by calling (708) 974-2110 (TT/TDD for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556). Previously enrolled students can also register online via the college's Web site at www.morainevalley.edu, or by touch tone phone at (708) 974-5400.

Information on all credit and non credit classes is available in the fall 2003 class schedule or online at www.morainevalley.edu.

Online learning for college credit

Moraine Valley Community College offers 76 online courses in the fall 2003 semester, 62 Virtual College courses along with 14 Web assisted courses.

Virtual College classes are taught completely online, while Web assisted courses are taught through a combination of classroom and web based instruction. Both types of courses allow for students to attend all or part of their class via the Internet with the ability to access the instructor, classmates and course materials. Access to a Web equipped computer and a personal e-mail account are required.

For a complete listing of available classes, check the college's online class directory on the Web at http://online.morainevalley.edu or call the college's Registration Office at (708) 974-2110.

Registration is underway. Classes begin the week of August 25. Tuition is $53 per credit hour plus fees and books.

Telecourses this fall

An assortment of telecourses in the fall 2003 semester are being offered by Moraine Valley Community College. Telecourses are taught primarily via videotape that are available in the college's Library/Learning Resources Center and several local libraries.

Telecourses available in the fall 2003 semester include Composition I and II; Principles of Macro-Economies; Western Civilization I and II; American History I and II; Introduction to Philosophy; World Religions; American National Government; Introduction to Psychology; Life-Span Developmental Psychology; Child Psychology; Abnormal Psychology; General Sociology; Marriage and Family and Introduction to Film.

For more information about telecourses at Moraine Valley, call (708) 974-5710. Registration is currently underway. Classes begin in the week of August 25. Tuition is $53 per credit hour plus fees and books.

Offering directed study credit classes

A wide variety of directed study classes are being offered in the fall 2003 semester. Directed study classes are set up by instructors to provide the student with an opportunity to analyze course material independently and to complete predetermined course objectives.

Directed study classes offered in the fall include College: Changes, Challenges, Choices; Composition II; Criminology; History of Asia; History of the Middle East; Western Humanities I: Foundations; Intermediate Algebra; American National Government; Introduction to Psychology; Life-Span Developmental Psychology; Human Relations in Organizations; Social Psychology; Adult Psychology; General Sociology and Introduction to Social Work.

Registration is currently underway. Classes begin in the week of August 25. Tuition is $53 per credit hour plus fees and books.

One day classes available.

One day a week classes are being offered during this fall 2003 semester. Students can attend class one day a week and still make progress on degree requirements.

One day a week classes are available this fall in a variety of subjects, including academic, career, health, technology and trade classes. Registration is currently underway. Classes begin the week of Aug. 25. Tuition is $53 per credit hour plus fees and books.

Short term credit classes

Do you want to take classes, but find it hard to free up time? Look into short term classes at Moraine Valley Community College.

A variety of short term classes encompassing a wide range of subjects start throughout the fall semester. Short term classes are usually eight weeks long, but classes can vary in length from two to 12 weeks. A few select short term credit classes begin the week of Aug. 18, however, the majority of short term classes begin the week of Aug. 25.

Additional classes also begin every week throughout the semester. Full 17 week credit courses for the fall 2003 semester also begin the week of Aug. 25.

Registration is currently underway. Tuition is $53 per credit hour plus fees and books.

Weekend classes for working students

An assortment of weekend classes during the fall 2003 semester is offered by Moraine Valley Community College. Students can attend classes on Friday evening, Saturday or Sunday.

Weekend classes are offered this fall in a variety of subjects, including Art, Automotive Technology, Business, Child Care, Communication, Composition, College Orientation, Computer and Internet Technology, Economics, Emergency Medical Technician, first Aid, Fitness, Geography, Graphic Art, Hazardous Materials, History, Marketing, Math, Medical Terminology, Music, Photography, Spanish and Welding, among others.

Registration is underway. Classes begin the week of Aug. 25. Tuition is $53 per credit hour plus fees and books.

Classes offered at Heritage Middle School

An assortment of courses in the fall 2003 semester at Heritage Middle School in Summit is offered by Moraine Valley Community College.

Located at 60th Street and 74th Avenue, Moraine Valley at Heritage offers college credit classes in Composition I; Introduction to America Education; English; Survival Skill; English as a Second Language I-VI; Personal Computer Basics; Introduction to PC Application; Developmental Math; Keyboarding Speed and Accuracy and Records Management.

Registration is underway with classes at Heritage beginning the week of September 1. Classes begin the week of Aug. 25 at Moraine Valley. Tuition is $53 per credit hour plus fees and books.

Classes at Evergreen Park High School

An assortment of off campus courses for the fall 2003 semester at Evergreen Park High School is offered by Moraine Valley Community College.

Located at 9900 S. Kedzie. The Evergreen Park site offers college credit classes in Introduction to Business; Speech Fundamentals; Western Civilization I; American Literature II; Medical Terminology; Beginning Algebra; College Algebra (Functions); Music Appreciation; A Healthy Lifestyle and You; World Religions; Introduction to Psychology and Abnormal Psychology.

Registration is underway with classes at Evergreen Park beginning the week of September 1. Classes begin the week of Aug. 25 at Moraine Valley.

Classes offered at Argo Community High School

An assortment of coursed in the fall 2003 semester at Argo Community High School is offered by Moraine Valley Community College.

Located at 7329 W. 63rd St. in Summit, Moraine Valley at Argo offers college credit classes in Art Appreciation; College: Changes, Challenges, Choices; Composition II; Speech Fundamentals; Internet Basics; Beginning Algebra; Keyboarding I; Document Formatting and Introduction to Psychology.

Registration is underway. Classes at Argo begin the week of September 1. Classes begin the week of Aug. 25 at Moraine Valley. Tuition is $53 per credit hour plus fees and books.

Classes offered at Andrew High School

An assortment of courses in the fall 2003 semester at Victor J. Andrew High School in Tinley Park is offered by Moraine Valley Community College.

Located at 171st Street and 90th Ave., the Andrew site offers college credit classes in financial Accounting; College: Changes, Challenges, Choices; Composition II; Speech Fundamentals; Introduction to Earth Science; Principles of Macro-Economics; Western Civilization II; Personal Computer Basics; Introduction to PC Applications; American Literature II; Medical Terminology; Beginning Algebra; Quantitative Literacy; College Algebra (Functions); Introduction to American Music; first Aid; Introduction to Psychology; Abnormal Psychology; General Sociology and Theater Appreciation.

Registration is underway with classes at Andrew beginning the week of September 1.

Classes begin the week of Aug. 25 at Moraine Valley. Tuition is $53 per credit hour plus fees and books.

Classes offered at Century Junior High School

Moraine Valley Community College offers an assortment of courses in the fall 2003 semester at Century Junior High School.

Located at 10801 W. 159th St. in Orland Park, Moraine Valley at Century offers college credit classes in Composition I, Speech Fundamentals, Western Humanities I: Foundations; Introduction to PC Applications; Medical Terminology; Developmental Math; Intermediate Algebra; Nutrition for Today and Life- Span Developmental Psychology.

Registration is underway. Classes at Century begin the week of September 1. Classes begin the week of Aug. 25 at Moraine Valley. Tuition is $53 per credit hour plus fees and books.

Classes off campus at Eisenhower High School offered

Moraine Valley Community College offers an assortment of courses for the fall 2003 semester at Eisenhower High School in Blue Island.

Located at 127th Street and Sacramento Ave., Moraine Valley at Eisenhower offers college credit classes in Level 2 Basic Skills for Adults; Basic Skills for Adults; Pre-GED Skills; Financial Accounting; Human Resources Management, Personal Development; College; Changes, Challenges, Choices; Sentence and Paragraph Writing; Paragraph and Theme Writing; Composition I and II, Speech Fundamentals, Introduction to Criminal Justice; Criminology; Procedural Criminal Law; Principles of Macro-Economics; Introduction to Elementary Education Curriculum; Teaching Materials and Their Use; Education of Exceptional Persons; Teacher Assistant Internship; Seminar; English: Survival Skills; English as a Second Language I through VI; GED Test Preparation; American History I; Western Humanities I: Foundations; Personal Computer Basics; Introduction to PC Applications; Medical Terminology; Body Structure and Pharmacology; Developmental Math; Beginning Algebra; Intermediate Algebra; Introduction to American Music; Keyboarding I; Office Language Skills; American National Government; Introduction to Psychology; Life-Span Developmental Psychology; Techniques for Textbooks Reading; Critical Reading and Spanish I.

Registration is underway with classes at Eisenhower beginning the week of Aug. 25. Classes also begin the week of Aug. 25 at Moraine Valley. Tuition is $ 53 per credit hour plus fees and books.

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Getting ready for "Back to School"

Paramount Theatre announces Star studded season

After rounding out its largest theatre season ever, the Paramount Theatre proudly announces its 2003-2004 season. Filled with spectacular stars, Broadway's best, classical recitals and musical legends, there is always something for everyone at the Paramount Theatre. In recognizing the goals of the non profit theatre's mission statement, entertainment from all genres, comedy, dance, music, theatre and classical concerts, fill the overwhelming season, featuring over 40 productions.

The best of Broadway comes to the suburbs with national tours of the rock n' roll musical "Grease", sizzling Argentine dance sensation "Tango Passion", the classic favorite "Sound of Music", Tennessee Williams impassioned "Streetcar named Desire" and the energetic hit "STOMP".

Other returning favorites include the "Glenn Miller Orchestra" playing authentic arrangements from the original group, the passion and romance of "Esteban" and holiday favorite "A Christmas Carol".

Ever new and improving, the Paramount Theatre continues to diversify programming with its introduction of a Country and Western series, a speaker series and $2 Tuesday Classic movies.

Especially for the children, the Paramount Theatre offers educational and entertaining shows that will delight both parents and children alike. Favorites "Charlottes Web" and "Freedom Train", return for encore performances. "The Christmas that almost wasn't" is a special holiday treat for the whole family. Your child can be a star with "Child's Play WOW" and Missoula Children's Theatre's "The Frog Prince". "Child's Play WOW" offers a workshop for children to express their ideas and themes for the show to be performed.

Education becomes fun with "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" and " And Then They Came for Me", the story of Anne Frank. Other children will love the daring hip hop style street dance of "Fly", which leaves you at the edge of your seat.

Continuing a tradition, begun only last summer, the Paramount Theatre announces free children's movies. "Shrek on August 9th and "Harry Potter chamber of secrets" on August 23.

Paramount Theatre and Second City team up for two big events this summer, expected to springboard future collaborations between the two entertainment venues. August brings the infamous comedy troupe and the historical theatre together when Second City presents "My Cousin's Wedding", for a limited three week engagement from August 1 - 17, 2003 at the Copley Theatre. Tickets for "My Cousin's Wedding" are $25.50 each and can be purchased at the Paramount Theatre Box Office at 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora or by phone at 630-896-6666.

By sending us you favorite wedding photo, you'll have the chance to win free tickets to the show. Plus, the cast of "My Cousin's Wedding" will be choosing a select few photos in each city to use as part of the actual production. It can be your silliest, strangest, or wildest wedding shot, simply sent to: "My Cousin's Wedding" Photo Contest, C/O The Second City, 1616 North Wells, Chicago, IL. 60614.

The Paramount Theatre is located at 23 East Galena Boulevard in Aurora.

For more information, please call the theatre box office at 630-896-6666 or visit us online at www.theparamount theatre.com.

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity
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PAINTING TO PERFECTION

Liberty Bell Red. That was the name that stuck out at me as I flipped through countless palettes of paint samples. One could get a bit dizzy trying to decide on which adventurous new color to choose when painting.

From electric blue to psychedelic purple and shocking pink, nowadays anything goes as the trend seems to be - the bolder the better.

So, in keeping with the times, I began my search for the hippest hues Glidden has to offer.

It was an exhausting experience in the art of correctly blending color schemes while eliminating the dozen or so possibilities that pleased the eye at first glance but didn't make the cut the second time around. So many colors to choose from!!

I have a tendency, when I brighten up the house with a fresh coat of paint, to keep the same color flowing from one room to another. In the 70's it was cool to color our homes in warm earth tones. I loved the golds, browns and orange colors. And since the kitchen and front room were extensions of each other, in the old house, these compatible colorscoordinated nicely together.

It was the same when my taste blossomed into the country blues of the 80's. Frontroom and kitchen flowed well together, dressed up in identical shades of cornsilk and homespun creams. Now that there's more space to cover I am dazzled by the variety of vibrant shades and the difference their daring demeanor can give a room. Sometime ago I read somewhere that it is stylish to paint a main wall of your home red. At the time the advice sounded just a tad gaudy to me, though I did start to see red walls popping up all over the pages of home decorating magazines.

With a new house to paint and decorate, I decided to go ahead and take the painting plunge. And that's how I came up with Liberty Bell Red.

My daughters, who think I'm a brush stroke away from insanity anyway, thought I was in need of a brain make over. Well, they no sooner got use to the red wall in the family room when I sprung on them the news that the other 3 walls would be a tint of pink taupe. I didn't stop there. The frontroom boasts a deep forest green, and since I had my eye on the psychedelic purple for our bedroom I figured, 'Why not?'

When all was said and done, my total list of colors for our 3 bedroom house equaled 16. Of course a few of the rooms were done in two-tone, just for the fun of it.

As I glance at the brightness of the red wall, I am reminded that life is meant to be bold and alive with color - so splash it on!

Pigments of paint, like the days of our lives, shift from one new shade to another as they freshen up our surroundings — sometimes in bold, sometimes in pastel, always giving us a reason to go with the flow and enjoy the pleasing panoramic view of life, wherever it may take us.

The end.

Midwest Railroad Research Center to host Union Stations history symposium

The Midwest Railroad Research Center (MRRC), will host a symposium on the history of union stations and rail passenger service from Sept 4 to 6, 2003, at the Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis. The symposium is sponsored by the Indiana Rail Road Company and the Indiana Historical Society.

The symposium will include speaker David Gunn, president and CEO, National Railroad Passenger Corporation. Gunn will be the keynote speaker at Thursday evening's reception. Other speakers include Jim Hetherington, author of Indianapolis Union Station: Trains, Travelers, and Changing Times; Jeff Darbee, historian and historic preservationist at Benjamin D. Rickey and Co., Columbus, Ohio; William D. Middleton, author on transportation history and Michael Zega, researcher and writer on railroad advertising and promotion. A panel discussion featuring George Smerk, Michael Franke and John Schwalbach will also take place.

Topics will include "Amtrak and the Future of Passenger Train Service," "The History of the Indianapolis Union Station," "A Tale of Three Cities: the Union Stations of Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati," "The Passing of America's Railroad Lines" and "Railroad Advertising and Its Role in America's Development." The symposium will open with tours of the Indianapolis Union Station and a reception.

Registration is $50/$45 IHS members. For more information or to register call (317)-232-1882.

The MRRC, established in 1997 by the Society's William Henry Smith Memorial Library, fills a regional void and augments a small number of similar facilities scattered throughout the country. Although emphasizing Indiana, the Center also includes other Midwestern material.

Since 1830, the Indiana Historical Society has been Indiana's storyteller, connecting people to the past by collecting, preserving, interpreting and disseminating Indiana history. The independent, nonprofit organization also publishes books and periodicals; sponsors teacher workshops; provides youth, adult and family programming; assists local historical groups throughout the state; and maintains one of the largest collections of material on the history of Indiana and the Old Northwest. The Indiana Historical Society is one of the oldest historical societies in the United States, and one of the largest with more than 10,000 members. The Society opened a new 165,000-square-foot headquarters in downtown Indianapolis in July 1999. For more information, visit us at www.indianahistory.org.

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"Jack" Farnan awarded top ten public works leaders award

The American Public Works Association recently held a luncheon to honor John "Jack" Farnan, General Superintendent of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. Farnan was presented with the "Top Ten Public Works Leaders Award" by APWA National President Martin Manning.

Farnan has service the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago since 1977 in a series of leadership roles, including Chief Engineer, culminating in his current role of General Superintendent. Under his tenure, the District has completed some of the largest and most complex public works projects in the United States, including the completion of the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan to solve the region's combined sewer overflow problems and sidestream elevated pool aeration stations which are "Urban Waterfalls" to aerate the wate in local waterways to enhance the aquatic environment, improve and protect fish populations, and eliminate odors.

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The Chicago Garden Club of Mount Greenwood

The Chicago Garden Club of Mount Greenwood will be meeting Thursday, August 14th at 7:00 pm at the Mount Greenwood Library, 11010 S. Kedzie. The guest speaker will be Master Food Preserver Carolyn Pysac. Topic will be on canning and preserving food. Guests are welcome. For more information on this meeting or up coming events contact Nancy 773-429-1141.

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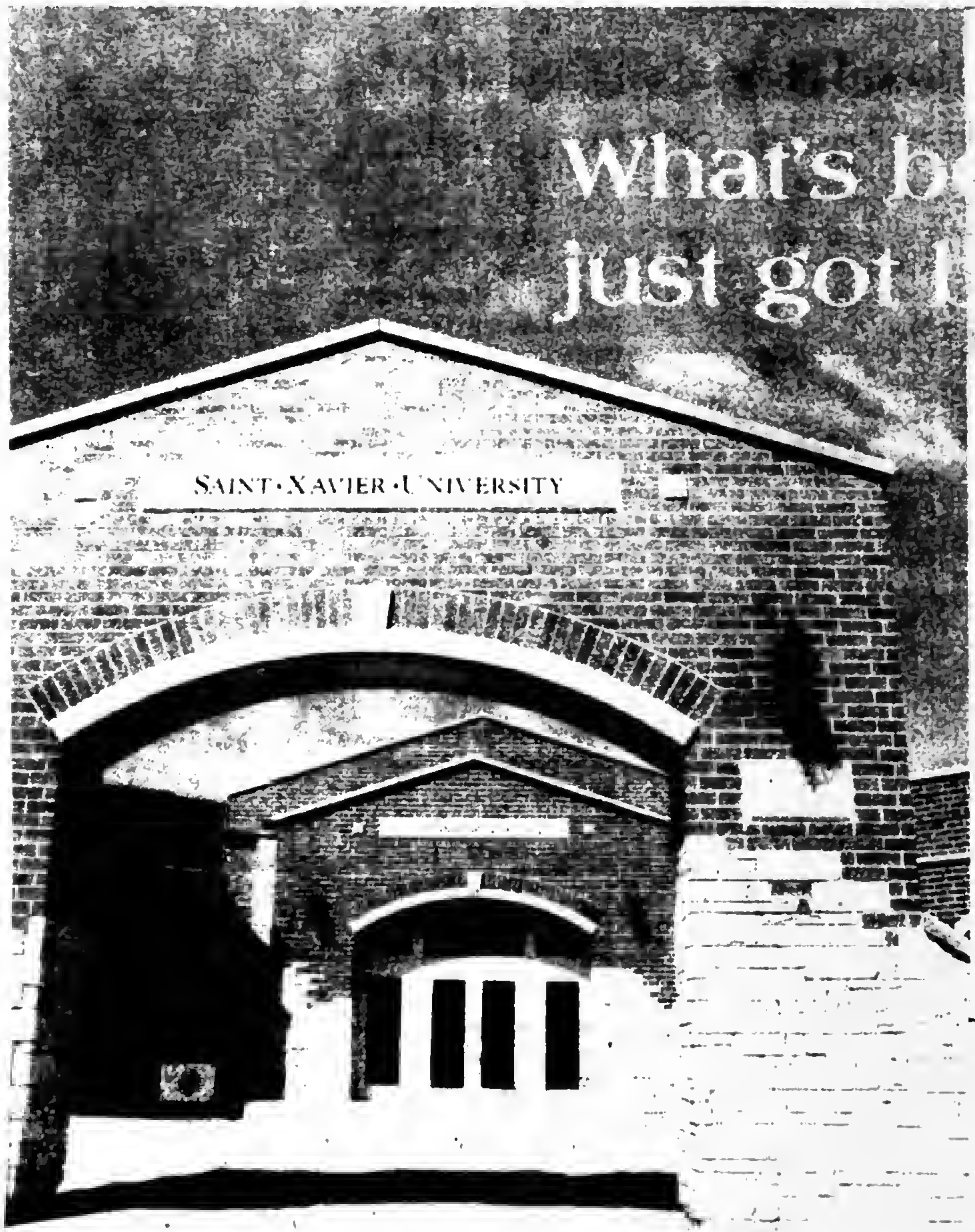

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American Osteopathic Association announces the following

If you are like most people, you've been going to a doctor ever since you were born and perhaps were not aware whether you were seeing a D.O. (Osteopathic physician) or a M.D. (Allopathic physician). You may not even be aware that there are two types of complete physicians in the United States.

The fact is, that both D.O.s and M.D.s are fully qualified physicians licensed to perform surgery and prescribe medication. Is there any difference between these two kinds of doctor's? Yes and No.

D.O.s and M.D.s are alike in many ways:

Applicants to both D.O. and M.D. medical colleges typically have a four year undergraduate degree with an emphasis on scientific courses.

Both D.O.s and M.D.s complete four years of basic medical education.

After medical school, both D.O.s and M.D.s can chose to practice in a specialty area of medicine, such as pediatrics, family practice, psychiatric, surgery of obstetrics, after completing a residency program (typically two to six years of additional training).

Both D.O.s and M.D.s must pass comparable state licensing examinations.

D.O.s and M.D.s both practice in fully accredited and licensed health care facilities.

D.O.s comprised a separate, yet equal branch of American medical care. Together, D.O.s and M.Ds enhance the state of care available in America.

However, it is the ways that D.O.s and M.D.s are different that can bring an extra dimension to your family's.

Osteopathic medicine is a unique form of American medical care that was developed in 1874 by Dr. Andrew Taylor Still.

Dr. Still was dissatisfied with the effectiveness of 19th Century medicine. He believed that many of the medications of his day were unless or even harmful.

Dr. Still was one of the first in his time to study the attributes of good health so that he could better understand the process of disease.

In response, Dr. Still founded a philosophy of medicine based on ideas that date back to Hippocrates, the father of medicine. The philosophy focuses on the unity of all body parts. He identified the musculoskeletal system as a key element of health. He recognized the body's ability to heal itself and stressed preventative medicine, eating properly and keeping fit.

Dr. Still pioneered the concept of "Wellness" over 125 hears ago.

In today's terms, personal health risks, such as smoking, high blood pressure, excessive cholesterol levels, stress and other lifestyle factors, are evaluated for each individual. In coordination with appropriate medical treatment, the osteopathic physicians acts as a teacher to help patients take more responsibility for their own well being and change unhealthy patterns.

Just as Dr. Still pioneered osteopathic medicine on the Missouri frontier in 1874, today osteopathic physicians serve as modern day medical pioneers.

They continue the tradition of bringing health care to areas of greatest need:

Approximately 64% of all osteopathic physicians practice in primary care areas such as pediatrics, family practice, obstetrics/gynecology and internal medicine.

Many D.O.s fill a critical need for doctors by practicing in rural and medically underserved areas.

Today osteopathic physicians continue to be on the cutting edge of modern medicine. D.O.s are able to combine today's medical technology with their ears, to listen caringly to their patients; their eyes, to see their patients as whole persons and their hands, to diagnose and treat injury as well as illness.

Osteopathic medicalschools emphasize training students to be primary care physicians.

D.O.s practice a "whole Person" approach to medicine. Instead of just treating specific symptoms of illnesses, they regard your body as an integrated whole.

Osteopathic physicians focus on preventive health care.

D.O.s receive extra training in the musculoskeletal system, your body's interconnected system of nerves. Muscles and bones that make up two thirds of its body mass.

This training provides osteopathic physicians with a better understanding of the ways that an injury or illness in one part of your body can affect another.

Osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT) is incorporated in the training and practice of osteopathic physicians. With OMT, osteopathic physicians use their hands to diagnose injury and illness and to encourage your body's natural tendency toward good health.

By combining all available medical procedures with OMT, D.O.s offer their patients the most comprehensive care available in medicine today.

Pictured from L. to R.: Joan Fallert, (Oak Park resident) Board President, MBE, Dennis Sonnenberg, CEO, The British Home, Topinka, Carol Leffelman, Administrator of the British Home and Jane Harps Trustee of Brookfield.

Grand opening for The British Home took place

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka was a guest at the recent Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Woodlands Assisted Living Residence The British Home Community in Brookfield. The Woodlands Assisted Living Residence is a new facility being dedicated at this event. The Woodlands is dedicated to Assisted Living, exclusively. This allows the facility to offer a truly comprehensive range of expert Assisted Living services all of which are designed to assist residents to remain as independent as possible for as long as possible. The British Home was founded in 1920 by the Daughters of the British Empire. For over three quarters of a century, The Daughters of the British Empire in the United States has been a common bond for women of British heritage living in America. Members contribute significantly to the good of their local communities and support the four retirement homes for men and women established by the DBE.

Bob Hope 1903-2003

Share your condolences for a legend

As the world mourns the loss of Bob Hope, Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery & Funeral Home invites the public to convey its sympathy by signing special register books that will be forwarded to a memorial dedicated to his life and work. Registers will be available for signing at Chapel Hill Gardens South, 11333 S. Central Avenue, Oak Lawn, between 9:00 am to 4:00 pm beginning immediately and lasting through August 6, 2003.

In a career that spanned more than 60 years, Mr. Hope became internationally famous for his films, television shows and, perhaps mostly importantly, for entertaining our servicemen and women in combat zones around the world. Chapel Hill Gardens South is proud to join with other Dignity Memorial providers throughout North America to honor Mr. Hope's memorial.

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Antiques & Collectibles

Blue Willow Lovers Romance

by Anita Gold

Q. My great aunt left us (my sister and I) several boxes of china in the Blue Willow pattern. Can you tell us anything about such pieces in this pattern, and how we can find out their value? Vivian Carson, Decatur, IL

A. The willow pattern is one of the most popular and beloved decorative designs ever to grace table china. It pictures a Chinese landscape with exotic gardens, pagodas, a pair of mystical birds, and three quaint figures on an oriental bridge arched over a waterway. A windswept willow tree, among other fruit-laden trees, and a Chinese gondolier poling a boat may complete the picture, although the English pottery houses that produced the willow pattern showed variations in the design.

The earlier pieces can be recognized by the figures on the bridge, and an inner decorative border as well as an outer one on the plates. Later 19th century examples usually show no figures, and the plates do not have the inner border. Then too, the early china was always heavier then the later ware, and the design was always blue. Later examples were produced in other colors as well.

The design was put on the china by a process called "transfer printing," with the pattern first being deeply engraved on a copper plate, then with the aid of metallic inks, were ground in oil and printed on strong tissue. This tissue, in turn, was applied to the earthenware in a wet state, thus transferring the decoration to the china. If you look closely at the borders on these old plates and platters, you often can see where the pattern was cut off by the impression of the inked tissues in sections on the china, which adds to its charm. However, aside from its beauty, the most charming thing about the Blue Willow pattern is its bittersweet legend, transferred below.

The Legend of the Blue Willow

Once upon a time there was a rich mandarin who lived in a large, splendid house with his only daughter, Koong-se. One day the mandarin decided to retire from business, so he brought his secretary, Chang, to his home to put his accounts in order.

Upon meeting, Chang and Koong-se fell hopelessly in love. This angered the mandarin, and the couple was forced to meet in secret, with the help of Koong-se's maid. When the mandarin learned of their rendezvous, he built a high wall of wood at the water's edge to prevent Chang from coming to the house.

And he dismissed the maid and built for his daughter an elaborate suite of apartments that jutted over the water, where she could live under his constant watchful gaze. Soon afterward, the mandarin betrothed Koong-se to Ta-jin, a wealthy nobleman and scholar.

The wedding was to take place at "the fortunate age of the moon, when the peach tree would blossom in the spring and the willow blossoms dropped to the ground." Koong-se was broken-hearted, but one night while the mandarin and Ta-jin were feasting, Chang came to the house in disguise. Upon recognizing him, Koong-se quickly snatched up the box of jewels that Ta-jin had given her and fled with Chang across the bridge. The mandarin caught sight of the lovers during the crossing and ran after them to prevent their going.

Somehow the star-crossed couple escaped, but because of the furious rage of Ta-jin, they had to settle on a faraway island, where Chang cultivated a lovely garden and wrote a book on agriculture, which became famous. Through this book, Ta-jin discovered the couple's whereabouts and set out by boat to slay Chang and capture Koong-se.

When he reached the island, he did kill Chang but poor Koong-se, in despair, fled to her apartments, set them on fire, and perished in the flames. The gods enraged at Ta-jin, cursed him with an incurable disease and transformed Chang and lovely Koong-se into a pair of immortal turtledoves, the symbol of constancy.

Although It was Thomas Turner who first originated and introduced the Blue Willow pattern in 1780 at the Caughley Pottery Works in England, many other famous English pottery houses (such as Spode, Minton, Adams, Davenport, and Wedgwood, produced Blue Willow ware too. No other design was more copied and reproduced, not only by the English factories, but by the German, Japanese, and American factories as well. The pattern still is being produced today and seems as popular now as during the 18th and 19th centuries.

Especially desirable are the miniature tea and toy sets, as well as a porcelain toaster decorated with the blue willow design that, being extremely rare and desirable, commands a four-figure sum which ain't exactly breadcrumbs.

A history of the Blue Willow pattern along with descriptions of the many border and center patterns of this china, can be found with marks, dates, and over 400 pieces pictured in color ranging from plates to pitchers to vases to platters, and much more, in "Blue Willow – An Identification and Value Guide – Revised 2nd Edition with Updated Values" by Mary Frank Gaston, available in a large 192-page edition, for $17.95 postpaid from Collector Books, P.O. Box 3009, Paducah, KY 42002-3009. Or phone (800) 626-5420 toll free to order.

NOTE: Decorative Arts Auction June 7 and 8, 2003 at Museum Center at Union Terminal 1301 Western Ave. in Cincinnati, Ohio. To check out the fabulous items and place absentee bids on those you want, visit Website: www.treadwaygallery.com" or phone Don Treadway at 513-321-6742 for catalog information.

Write Anita Gold, P.O. Box 597401, Chicago, IL 60659. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with a copy of this column and the name of the paper in which it appears for a reply.

District 135 & OPACC united for career awareness in schools

Orland Park School District 135 and the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce (OPACC) have united to bring career awareness programs and activities into the district's intermediate and junior high schools.

This fall, educators will begin meeting with Chamber of Commerce members to discuss the importance of promoting career awareness. Chamber members will visit school staff meetings to express their thoughts and perspectives on how to best integrate the organization and its members into career awareness activities and programs.

Career awareness programs for students with local business professionals are slated to begin in October, 2003. Possible activities for the upcoming school year include a career awareness poster contest in the district's three junior high schools, a career awarness week in the intermediate schools, essay contests and job shadowing opportunities for students.

O.L. Chamber Hosts Luncheon

Oak Lawn's Village Manager, Joseph Faber, will give a "State of the Village" address at the next monthly luncheon of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, August 12 at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. Networking begins at 11:30 am; Lunch at noon. For reservations, call 708-424-8300.

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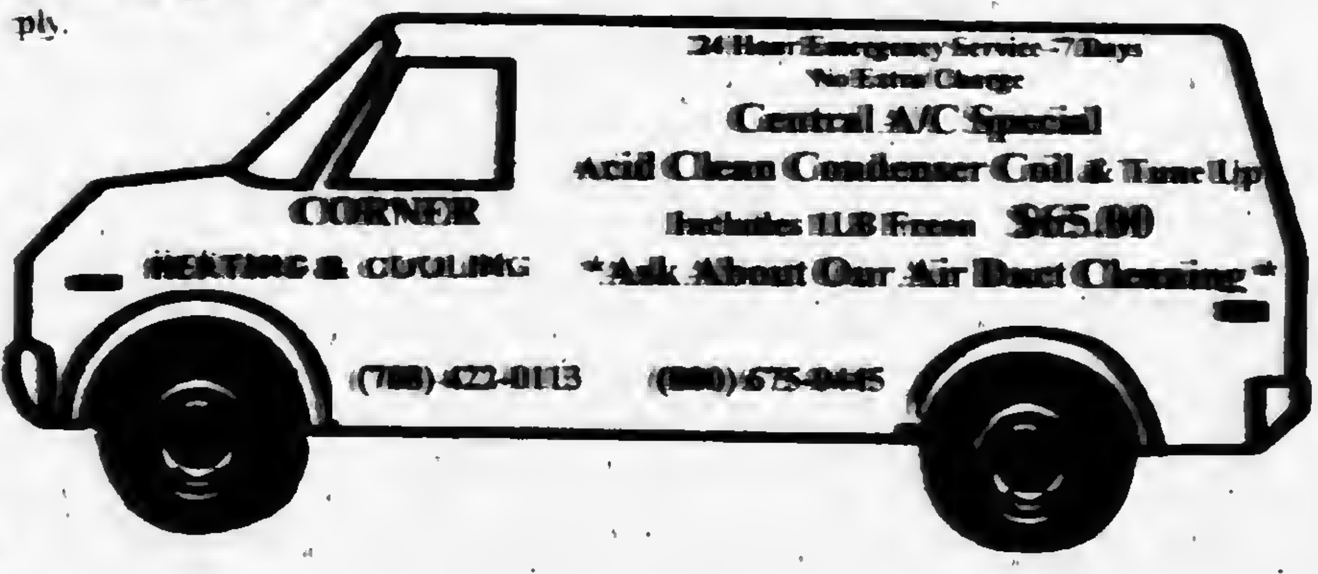
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New Nature Preserves, Land and Water Reserves approved

The Illinois Nature Preserves Commission announced the dedication of two nature preserves, the dedication of additions to three nature preserves and the registration of five new land and water reserves, which means enhanced protection for important natural habitat and a wide variety of rare, threatened and endangered species of animals and plants. By dedicating their property as a nature preserve or registering it as a land and water reserve, a landowner voluntarily restricts future uses of the land to ensure that it remains in its natural state. Access to the property is at the landowner's discretion. Areas dedicated as nature preserves may be used for wildlife viewing, nature photography, hiking and approved scientific research. Areas registered as land and water reserves may be used for those activities, as well as fishing, hunting and other approved activities that do not have negative impacts on the natural features of the protected area. The nine member Commission determines whether an area warrants protection as a nature preserve or as a land and water reserve. After approval by the landowner and the Commission, nature preserves must be approved by the Governor and the Director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Land and water reserves require the approval of the landowner, the Commission and the Director of the IDNR. Illinois now has 315 nature preserves in 79 counties totaling 42,700 acres and 84 land and water reserves in 45 counties totaling 24,340 acres. Landowners interested in preserving high quality natural lands and possible nature preserve or land and water reserve designation should contact the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271, phone 217-785-8686, Ameritech Relay 800-526-0844, TDD 217-782-9175. The new nature preserves and nature preserve additions are as follows:

Cook Co. Burnham Prairie Nature Preserve, is a unique site recognized for its dry mesic prairie, wet prairie and savanna. (Contact: Kim Roman at 630-553-2746).

Cook Co. Addition of Nature Preserve Buffer to Paintbrush Prairie Nature Preserve. The Nature Conservancy owns this new 1.5 acre buffer addition to Paintbrush Prairie Nature Preserve in Markham, one of four prairies located in Cook County that are collectively referred to as the Indian Boundary Prairies. The Indian Boundary Prairies are a surviving remnant of a vast prairie that once extended along Lake Michigan in the Chicago area. Aside from the collective importance of the prairies, Paintbrush Prairie Nature Preserve supports more than 200 plant species, including the state threatened eared false foxglove. (Contact: Steve Byers at 815-385-9074).

Cook Co. Addition to Sundrop Prairie Preserve, this 2.09 acre addition to Sundrop Prairie Nature Preserve in Markham, owned by the Nature Conservancy, will enhance protection to the collection of prairie sites known as the Indian Boundary Prairies, a remnant of vast prairies that once extended along Lake Michigan in the Chicago area. TNC owns approximately 180 acres of mesic and wet mesic prairie at Sundrop Prairie, supporting more than 230 native plant species including the state threatened early fen sedge. The dedication of the addition increases the size of the nature preserve itself to 54.49 acres. (Contact: Steve Byers at 815-385-9074).

Marshall Co. Addition to Hopewell Hill Prairies Nature Preserve, property owners Maury Brucker and Emiko Yang are adding 52 acres to the existing 3.1 acre nature preserve, located within 78 acre Hopewell Estates Hill Prairies Natural Area. The area includes glacial drift prairies and woodland habitat. The addition, located near the village of Hopewell, is separated from the existing nature preserve by a small road. The addition includes upland woodlands that support flowering plants including a large population of the formerly state threatened Schreber's aster as well as several species of ferns. (Contact: Tom Lerczak at 309-543-2744).

Tazewell Co., McCoy Woods Nature Preserve, owned by the Gould Family Trust and the Hancock Realty Partners, is a 28.7 acre site within the 47 acre McCoy Woods Natural Area located near Dillon. McCoy Woods includes wet floodplain forest and upland forest habitat. The new nature preserve includes quality forest habitat and a half mile reach of the Mackinaw River. (Contact: Tom Lerczak at 309-543-2744).

The new land and water reserves are as follows:

Hancock Co. Geissler Savanna Land and Water Reserve, the 36.97 acre Geissler Savanna Land and Water Reserve, located near south of Carthage, is owned by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources after it was acquired from the "Save The Prairie Society" in 1998. It contains approximately nine acres of high quality mesic and dry mesic savanna, the second largest intact savanna of this type in Illinois. Four endangered and threatened plant species are found at the site, including the savanna blazingstar, Mead's milkweed, eastern prairie white fringed orchid and Virginia bunchflower. Savanna blazingstar is a natural occurrence at this site, while the other plants were recently reintroduced to the site. (Contact: Angelia Moorehouse at 309-776-4066).

Jasper Co. Richard and Jean Graber Grasslands Land and Water Reserve, owned by the Illinois Audubon Society, is a 40 acre tract located south of Newton. The reserve will be restored to native grasses and forbs and will be managed in conjunction with the Jasper County unit of Prairie Ridge State Natural Area, providing critical habitat for 36 endangered, threatened and other sensitive species. The reserve increases the total acreage of restored grasslands at PRSNA to 1,983 acres. Allowable uses will include bird watching, nature observation and study, scientific research and photography. (Contact: Bob Edgin at 618-783-4125).

Jo Daviess Co. Apple River Canyon Land and Water Reserve, owned and managed by the IDNR, includes approximately 482 acres dedicated as a nature preserve in May 2002. The new land and water reserve will provide protection for the nature preserve and other significant resources in the park. It includes 382 acres of stream segments, shoreline access and upland forest south of the main park unit. At least three state threatened plant species have been found in the dolomite cliffs located in the reserve. In addition to high quality upland communities, the Apple River is identified as a high quality stream by the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory and river otters are known to use the river and its adjacent uplands. (Contact: Ed Anderson at 815-244-3655).

La Salle Co. Camp River Trails Land and Water Reserve, the Girl Scouts Whispering Oaks Council has registered 68 acres of its camp located south of Sheridan as a land and water reserve. The camp is along the lower Fox River and includes forested floodplain, upland forest, forested seeps, Sandstone bluffs, a population of the state threatened northern white cedar and approximately 2,500 feet of Mission Creek, a small high quality tributary of Fox River. The Girl Scouts will continue to use the land as they have in the past. Hiking, camping, swimming and canoeing will be allowed while the high quality resources are being preserved. (Contact: Kim Roman at 630-553-2746).

Marshall Co. Sandy Creek Bluffs Land and Water Reserve, the 153.4 acre Sandy Creek Bluffs, owned by Dr. John Raffensperger and Rev. Carolyn M. Raffensperger, contains approximately 120 acres of second growth woods in two tracts separated from each other by a county highway near Henry. The woods are dominated by oaks and hickories and support a breeding bird community that includes 17 species known to suffer from habitat fragmentation, including the ovenbird, yellow throated vireo, American redstart and the formerly state threatened veery. Sandy Creek Bluffs also contains a 20 acre prairie savanna restoration plus two small artificial ponds. Thirteen acres of old fields, also located on the site, will be completely reforested, which will eventually contribute to the formation of a much larger block of contiguous forest.

The 25 acre West Hill Prairie Nature Preserve is located within one mile of the mouth. (Contact: Tom Lerczak at 309-543-2744).

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Back to School

One Day trips planned by Citizen's Services

[illegible] Trip on Tuesday, September 23. Departure will be at 6:45 am from the Community Center and the Return at approximately 5:45 pm. Tickets are $50, including round trip [illegible] transportation, [illegible] tour of Wisconsin Wagon Company and GM Assembly Plant, lunch at Rotary Restaurant and [illegible] Pub.

Tickets are available at the Office of Citizen's Services, Village of Evergreen Park, located at 3450 West 97th Street, Evergreen Park, Ill. Phone 708-422-8776

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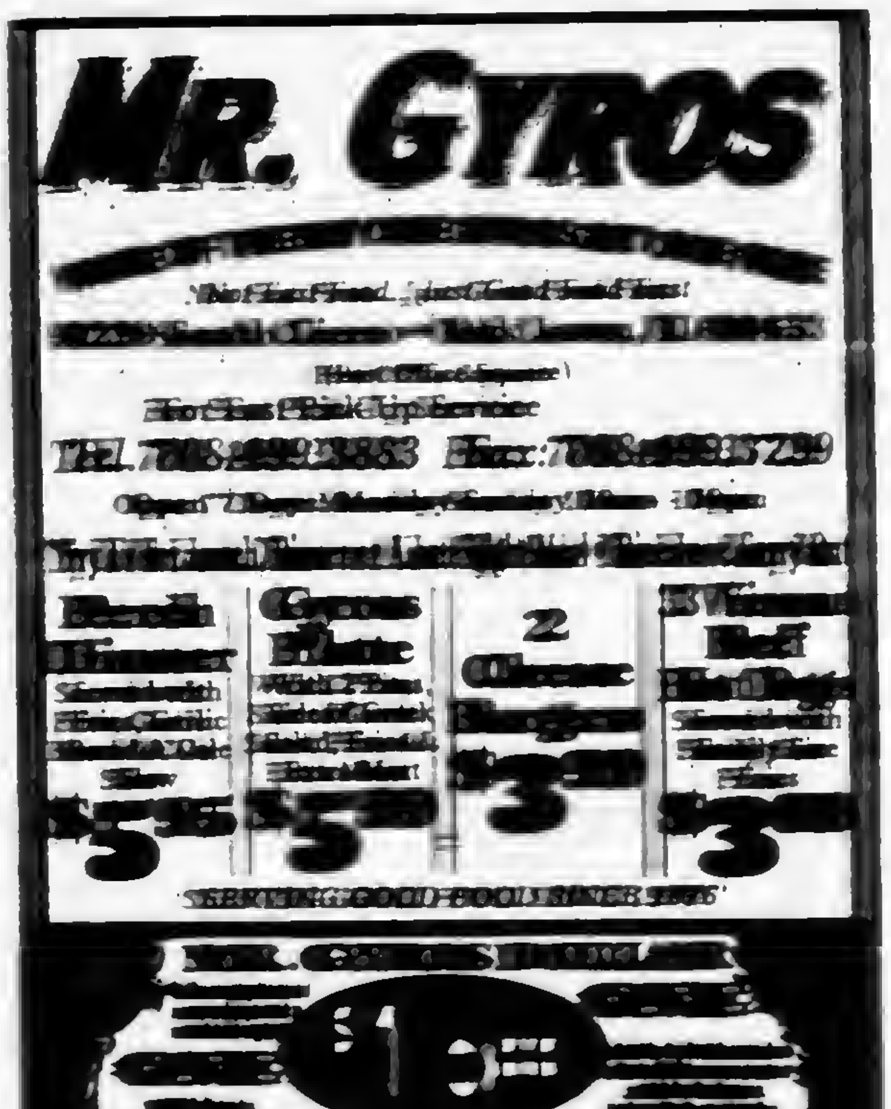
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Moraine Valley announces the following

Moraine Valley among top degree producers

Moraine Valley ranks 77th among the 1,132 community colleges nationwide in associate's degrees conferred, according to a national newspaper report. The college also ranks 39th in the area of criminal Justice and 18th in the area of Protective Services.

The report, published in the June 23 issue of Community College Week, is based on an analysis of U.S. Department of Education data for 2001-2002.

For more information, phone Mark Horstmeyer, director of College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5225 or e-mail horstmeyer@morainevalley.edu.

Moraine Valley to host 22nd annual golf outing

The Moraine Valley Community College Foundation will host its 22nd annual golf outing on Friday, Sept. 5, at the Gleneagles Country Club, located at 13070 McCarthy Road, Lemont. The event will take place on the Red Course, built on rolling wooded landscape offering many tree lined fairways, medium sized, flat greens with bunkers and water hazards on at least six holes.

Check-in for the event will begin at 11:30 am followed by a golf clinic presented by Bob Freudenthal, Moraine Valley's men's golf coach, at noon. The event's shotgun scramble start will commence at 1:30 pm. New to the event this year are the "Beat Gordon Rice Challenge Hole" - Rice is the manager of the Moraine Valley Foundation's Driving Range - and a $10,000 hole in one contest.

After the outing, guests can enjoy a delicious chicken and rib buffet dinner at 7:00 pm, following the 6:00 pm cocktail hour. During the evening, golf prizes for the top foursomes (men's, women's and mixed) will be awarded, as well as awards for the longest drive, longest putt and closest to the pin (men's and women's).

Cost for the golf outing, which includes use of motorized cart and dinner is $125. In addition, the Foundation will conduct a raffle in which the grand prize will be a $1,000 gift certificate from Norat Diamond Jewelers. Raffle tickets are $15 a piece or $50 for four.

According to Foundation Board members Phil Foster and Brett Swiderek, co-chairs of this year's outing, proceeds from the event will help fund the Foundation's scholarship program, as well as other educational programs at the college.

For more information or to purchase tickets for the outing and/or raffle, call the Moraine Valley Community College Foundation Office at (708) 974-5710.

For news media inquiries, call Marianne Naughton, public relations specialists, at (708) 974-5281 or e-mail her at naughton@morainevalley.edu.

St. Xavier elected new chairman

John P. Sweeney, president, JPS Interests, has been elected chairman of Saint Xavier University's Board of Trustees. A trustee since 1999, Sweeney will serve as chair for a three year term.

Two new trustees also joined the institution's governing body: Saint Xavier alumna Sister Sheila Lyne, RSM, president and CEO of Mercy Hospital and Medical Center and William Keyser, president and CEO of Illinois based Florida Plastics International, Inc. Lyne previously served on the board in 1993-1994.

Sweeney is the principal owner of JPS Interests as well as general partner of numerous real estate partnerships and other ventures. He has acted as a developer and managing general partner in more than 3 million square feet of office and industrial transactions, including the Northern Trust Canal Center and the Unicom State & Adams Cooling Plant, both of which are considered to be among the most technologically sophisticated buildings in the Chicago area.

A resident of Lincoln Park, Sweeney is active as a board member of Francis Xavier Warde School, Opportunity, Inc. and Old St. Patrick's Church. He teaches development strategy in the Masters of Project Management Program at Northwestern University and has lectured at the UIC School of Architecture and the Center for Architecture and Urbanism. Sweeney earned a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University and attended the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service.

Sweeney succeeds John McCarthy, president of Continental Air Transport, who fulfilled six years as chairman, the maximum allowed according to the university's bylaws. McCarthy will remain as an active member of the board.

Lyne has served as president and CEO of Mercy Hospital since 2000 and held the same position from 1976 until 1994. In this capacity, she focuses on developing and expanding Mercy services to the surrounding communities. Prior to assuming the Mercy Hospital presidency, she served as the Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health. Active in both higher education and health organizations, Lyne is co-chair of the Chicago/Cook County Ambulatory Care Council and served as a member of the Board of Trustees of De Paul University.

Keyser is a resident of Evergreen Park, IL and a strong supporter of the local community. He has served on the boards of Evergreen Park Elementary School district 124 and Evergreen Park Community High School district 231, including service as president of the high school board. Active in local organizations, Keyser served on the Little Company of Mary Development Committee and is currently the chairman of the Governing Council of Advocate Christ Medical Center. He is past chair of Christ Hospital's Development Board and served as a board member of the Evergreen Park Unit of the American Cancer Society.

Moraine Valley makes the following congratulations

Pictured from L. to R.: Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, Nicole Miroballi and Sandra Wagner

Nicole Miroballi, of Orland Hills, receives congratulations from Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, president of Moraine valley and Sandra Wagner, member of the Moraine Valley Board of Trustees.

Miroballi was recently honored as a Steven W. Spencer Scholarship recipient at the college's Academic Scholarship Ceremony.

Pictured from L. to R.: Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, Cheryl Dworak, Erika Deiters and Patricia Roach

Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, president of Moraine Valley, congratulates Cheryl Dworak and Erika Deiters on being named the 2003 Moraine Valley Master Teachers of the Year as Patricia Roach, vice chair of the Moraine Valley Board of Trustees, looks on.

Dworak, of Tinely Park and Deiters, of Oak Lawn, earned the recognition for their creation of a "mini-conference" for students enrolled in their Composition II classes.

Dworak is an assistant professor of Communications/Literature and Deiters is an instructor of Communications/English at the college.

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Center of Performing Arts announces 2003/04 season

The Center of Performing Arts at Governors State University announces its 2003/2004 season performances: The Smothers Brothers, Vicki Lawrence and Mama, "Whose Line is it Anyway?" and [illegible] are some of the highlights [illegible] The Center's ninth season. The Center will continue to offer its Saturday morning "Especially for Kids" series with shows including "Ralph's World: Cinderella: The Musical; Corduroy and The Little Engine That Could". Season ticket information for the Center is available at 708-235-2222.

Feature presentations:

"The Smothers Brothers" on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $54/$49/$45. The post show party with the Brothers will be an additional $50.

Chicago Shakespeare Theater presents "Romeo and Juliet" on Friday, Oct. 10 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $31/$26/$22. For children 16 and under $26/$21/$17.

"Maynard Ferguson" on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $42/$37/$33.

An Evening with Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood of "Whose Line is it anyway?" on Saturday Nov. 15 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $44/$39/$35.

"70's Soul Jam" on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $44/$39/$35.

"The Magic of Christmas" featuring Terry Evanswood on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $33/$28/$24. Children 16 and under are $28/$23/$19.

"The Nutcracker" on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. Tickets are $34/$29/$25. Children 16 and under are $29/$24/$20. Sugar Plum Party at 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. cost $8.

National Russian Ballet presents "Swan Lake" on Sunday, Jan 11 at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are $44/$39/$35. Children 16 and under are $39/$34/$30.

"This Funny American Life" on Saturday, Jan 17 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $29/$24/$20.

"American English" on Saturday, Jan 24, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $34/$29/$25.

Teatro Lirico D'Europa presents "La Traviata" on Sunday, Feb. 8 at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are $34/$29/$25.

"Preservation Hall Jazz Band" on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $38/$33/$29.

Vicki Lawrence & Mama: "A Two Woman Show" on Saturday Feb. 28 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $52/$47/$43.

"Gaelic Storm" on Saturday, Mar. 6 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $34/$29/$25.

"[illegible] of Color" on Sunday Mar. 7 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are $29/$24/$20.

"Joffrey Ballet of Chicago" on Saturday, Apr. 17 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $44/$39/$35.

Performances take place at The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University. For tickets or more information call the box office at 708-235-2222 or visit the Tickets.com website at www.tickets.com.

Tickets can also be purchased through the Tickets.com call center at 1-800-511-1552. Two for one tickets are available at the box office two hours prior to curtain for one hour only, based upon availability. Group rates are available for parties of 20 or more.

The Center is located at Governors Highway and University Parkway 45 minutes south of the Loop, off I-57 at Sauk Trail. Parking is free.

For more information on The Center for Performing Arts, visit The Center's website at www.govst.edu/center.

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Moraine Valley announces president's list

Moraine Valley Community College has announced the students named to its President's List for the Spring 2003 semester.

Students named to Moraine Valley's President's List from our area are listed alphabetically below. Qualification for the President's List is a semester grade point average of 3.75 to 4.00.

For more information call Marianne Naughton, public relations specialist, at (708) 974-5281 or e-mail her at naughton@morainevalley.edu.

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Day trips planned by the Office of Citizen's Services

Chicagoland Sweet Treats Trip on Tuesday, August 26. Departure will be at 6:45 am from the Community Center and the Return at approximately 3:30 pm. Tickets are $50, including round trip motorcoach transportation, jelly bean and chocolate factory tours, train ride, great lunch at the Famous Dave's, samples and shopping.

Blue Chip Casino Trip on Friday, August 29. Departure will be at 10:00 am from the Community Center and the Return at approximately 6:50 pm. Tickets are $25, including round trip motorcoach transportation, two gaming sessions, $10 cash back certificate and a lunch buffet.

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Chicago serves up music and hotel deals with "Play On Chicago"

Citywide Celebration Runs Until September 21, 2003

"If music be the food of love, play on." —William Shakespeare, Twelfth Night

Long known as a bastion of great music, Chicago celebrates its unique musical heritage with Play On Chicago: Summer In Chicago 2003. This citywide initiative will emphasize the many musical styles that can be heard today throughout the city. From blues and zydeco to world music, and from arias and a cappella to scat, Chicagoans and visitors will delight in the sounds of Chicago during Play On Chicago through September 21.

Along with the plethora of music, more than 50 hotels are offering special rates as low as $99 a night to accommodate varying budgets and tastes. Participating properties include Hyatt Regency McCormick Place offering a stay from $99-109/night, Millennium Knickerbocker offering from $109-$159/night, Hotel 71 offering from $139/night and Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers offering from $179-$239. Rates are valid until September 6, 2003, and black out dates do apply. Also, a number of special values are available to guests who pay with their American Express cards at select hotels, including complimentary room upgrades, a Delmark Records 50th Anniversary blues CD set, and a card redeemable for exclusive offers and savings at Water Tower Place shopping center.

In addition to perennial favorites Grant Park Music Festival (June 11-August 16), Taste of Chicago (June 27-July 6), and more, Play On Chicago will offer several new musical programs, including the Chicago Blues Exchange. In celebration of the "Year of the Blues," the Chicago Blues Exchange will feature live music on Mondays at noon and Fridays at 5:30 p.m. September 21 at the Chicago Tourism Center, 72 E. Randolph Street. Play On Chicago will offer more featured programs and musical events throughout the city in concert halls, churches, parks, music schools, restaurants, hotels and clubs.

July events include:

"I Love a Piano" June 6-Sept. 19, Fridays 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Chicago Water Works - 163 E. Pearson Street. Chicago's finest pianists pay tribute to the Great American Songbook featuring the music of Harold Arlen, Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, George Gershwin and many more great American composers. Admission is free.

Chicago Summerdance June 1-Aug. 31, Thurs. – Sat. 6 - 9:30 p.m., Sun. 4-7 p.m., Spirit of Music Garden – 601 S. Michigan Avenue. Dance the evening away during this eleven-week festival featuring one-hour dance lessons by professional instructors, followed by two hours of live music and dancing on a 3,500 square foot open-air dance floor. Admission is free.

North Shore Concert Band July 14, 6—7:30 p.m., Washington Street and Michigan Avenue. Enjoy a summer evening in Millennium Park with a special performance by a 115-member adult symphonic band, playing favorite marches and show tunes. Admission is free.

Southside Neighborhood Gospel Festival July 19-20, Ogden Park. An uplifting and inspiring festival featuring live gospel music, a kids' zone, a senior pavilion, food and retail vendors.

Sunday Afternoon on the Prairie, July 20, July 27, August 3, August 10, 2:00 p.m., Chicago Women's Park and Gardens at the Clarke House Museum - 1827 S. Indiana Avenue. Energetic music and compelling architecture abound during this family-friendly series of concerts celebrating the history and architecture of Chicago's Prairie Avenue Historic District. Admission is free.

American Song, July 22, 7:30 p.m., [illegible]: The Nancy Goldberg International Center—34 E. Goethe Street. "American Song," a [illegible], will be performed by Chicago's favorite cabaret duo, Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael. Also gracing the stage will be Chicago's legendary performer, Miss Audrey Morris.

Summer Opera: Candide July 24, 25, 27, 29 at 8:00 p.m. Preston Bradley Hall at the Chicago Cultural Center—78 E. Washington St. This whirlwind satire is based on Voltaire's hilarious novel, set to Leonard Bernstein's unforgettable score and performed by Chicago's most talented actors.

Jazzcity—Jazz Cabaret July 25, 7:00 p.m., Columbus Park Refectory—5701 W. Jackson Blvd. Unwind to the smooth sounds of jazz, as Judy Roberts, Jackie Allen, and Dee Alexander, three of the city's most versatile and talented Jazz singers perform. Admission is free.

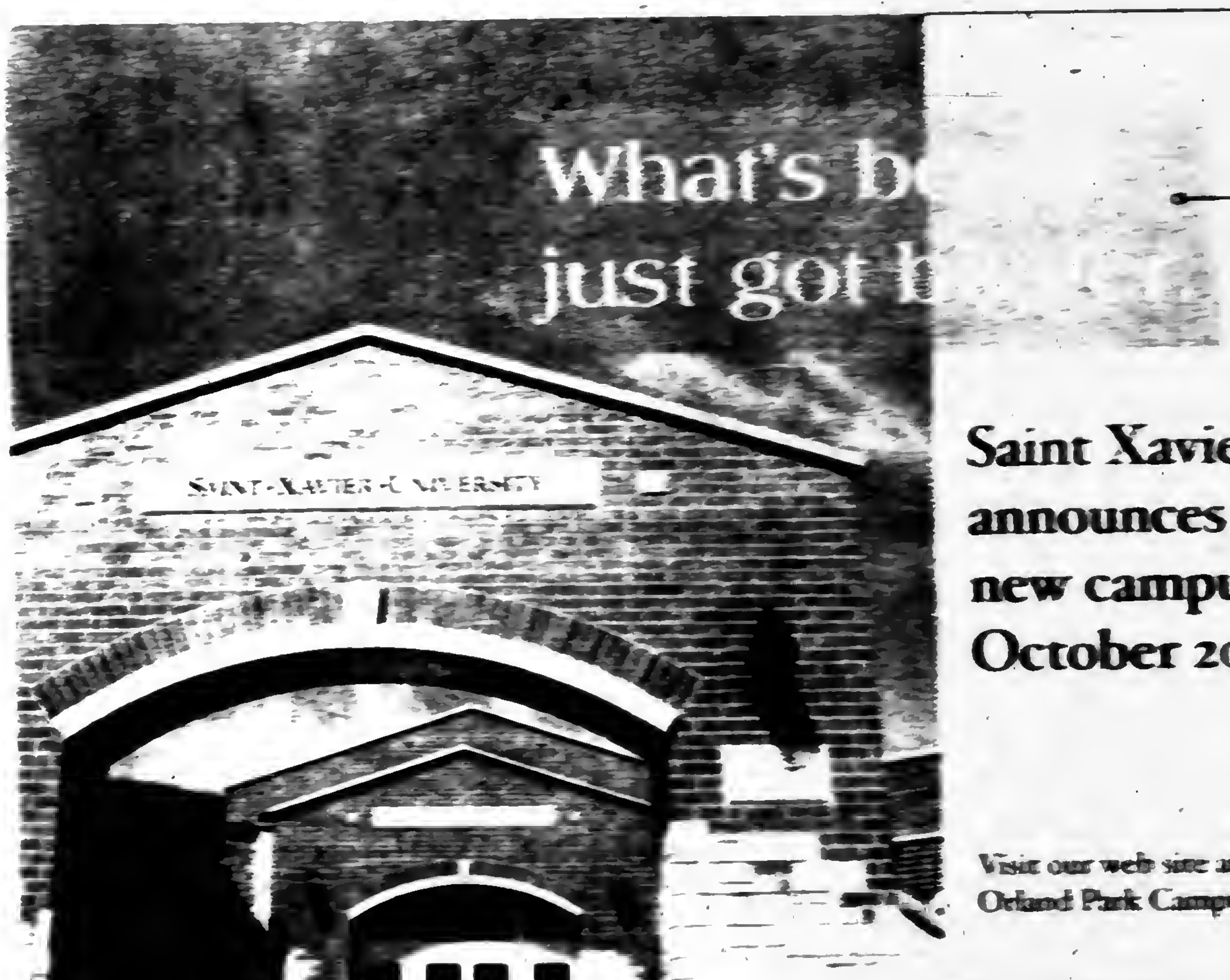
Grant Park Drum Circle July 27, 5:00 p.m., Grant Park Jam facilitator John Yost, of the Rhythm Revolution Chicago, and friends in Chicago's biggest drum circle. Bring your own drum. Admission is free.

Loop Tour Train Until Sept. 27, Saturdays at 11:35 a.m., [illegible] and 1:35 p.m., Chicago Cultural Center—77 E. Randolph Street. A unique tour aboard a CTA elevated train is narrated by Chicago Architecture Foundation, offering a fascinating look at the history of downtown Chicago, its breathtaking architecture and train system.

In addition to special hotel rates, visitors who prefer to reserve a pre-planned itinerary will enjoy one of the several Immersion Weekends.

Each Immersion Weekend package includes a two-night stay in a downtown Chicago hotel, tickets to some of the hottest events in the city and access to exclusive receptions hosted by leading arts experts. Play On Chicago Immersion Weekends include Blues Weekend, June 20-22; Theatre Weekend, July 25-27; Lakefront Adventures Weekend, August 1-3; and Jazz Weekend, August 29-31.

For reservations for the Immersion Weekend hospitality packages and more information on Play On Chicago visit www.877CHICAGO.com or call 1.877.CHICAGO.



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From Palos Heights: Dawne Belanoski, Andrew J. Bielat, Hyung Bae Cho, Jennifer Fischer, Brenda Fisher, Deborah V. Giacomo, Helen Giaglou, Anthony J. Kondilaris, Chris T. Malec, Jose Medina, Jonathan Newsome, Lara M. Odeh, Adam Radick, Julie Regan, Lorel L. Stelzer, Aleksandra Zych.

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From Worth: Candice Burn, Christa Marie Barton, Courtney T. Dallege, Katie L. Ellingham, Jaime Greenerma, Nora K. Horban, Wafa M. Karaeen, Ali Khalil, Darcy M. Kitchen, Nga Ching Lee, Sesil Lee, Katherine Mayer, Todd Muersch Jr., Iryna Netrebyuk, Echo Sneed, Ahmad Tomaltoh, Dan Tuffi, Michael L. Visby, Holly E. Wright.

Chicago Ridge library hosts movies

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, will host Movie Night on Tuesday, August 12th, and Tuesday, August 26.

Adults are invited to join us for some popcorn and enjoy a tribute to some of Hollywood's Best Musicals. Both shows are free and show time is 6:30 pm.

Call 423-7753 to register and ask details about the titles.

Prayer & Praise

The community is welcome to attend an evening of prayer and praise on Sunday, August 10, 6:00 pm at Palos Park Presbyterian Community Church, 12312 S. 88th Avenue, Palos Park, IL. This is an informal time of great contemporary praise music led by the Genesis Praise Band. Child care is available for Pre-K and under. For more information call the church office at (708) 448-5220.

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Parker High School 50th year alumni reunion

Eight years ago, graduates of Parker High School formerly at 68th & Stewart Ave. in Chicago, formed an alumni association for students who have celebrated their 50th anniversary from school.

This year a luncheon will be held at the [illegible], Sunday, September [illegible], 2003 at 12:00 noon [illegible] will include graduates from [illegible] through 1952. The classes of 1938, 1943 and 1948 will be honored.

William Plotkin, (847) 679-7151, is the chairman of the planning committee which meets at 10:30 a.m., the second Thursday of each month at the Oak Lawn Recreation Center, 4625 W. 110th St.

For additional information, please call 708-424-[illegible].

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Catholic charities hosts second annual gala of the arts

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago will host its second annual Gala of the Arts to benefit the Emergency Assistance Department, which provides emergency assistance and referral services to families and individuals in need of food, clothing, shelter or rent or utility assistance due to poverty or crisis situations such as job loss, illness or eviction.

The evening will feature dinner created by Chef Gabriel Viti of Gabriel's Restaurant in Highwood, IL; live music performed by Bill Porter and his Orchestra with a special appearance by Jimmy Damon and an art sale of paintings, sculptures and drawings from 30 local artists. In addition a collection of special black and white photographs depicting life on the street will be for sale at the event. The collection was photographed by participants of Catholic Charities' Tuesday Night Supper Program, which provides hot meals for homeless and low-income individuals and families on Chicago's Near North side.

The event will be on Friday, September 5, 2003 from 6:00 pm to midnight, at 126 N. Desplaines Street in Chicago's West Loop.

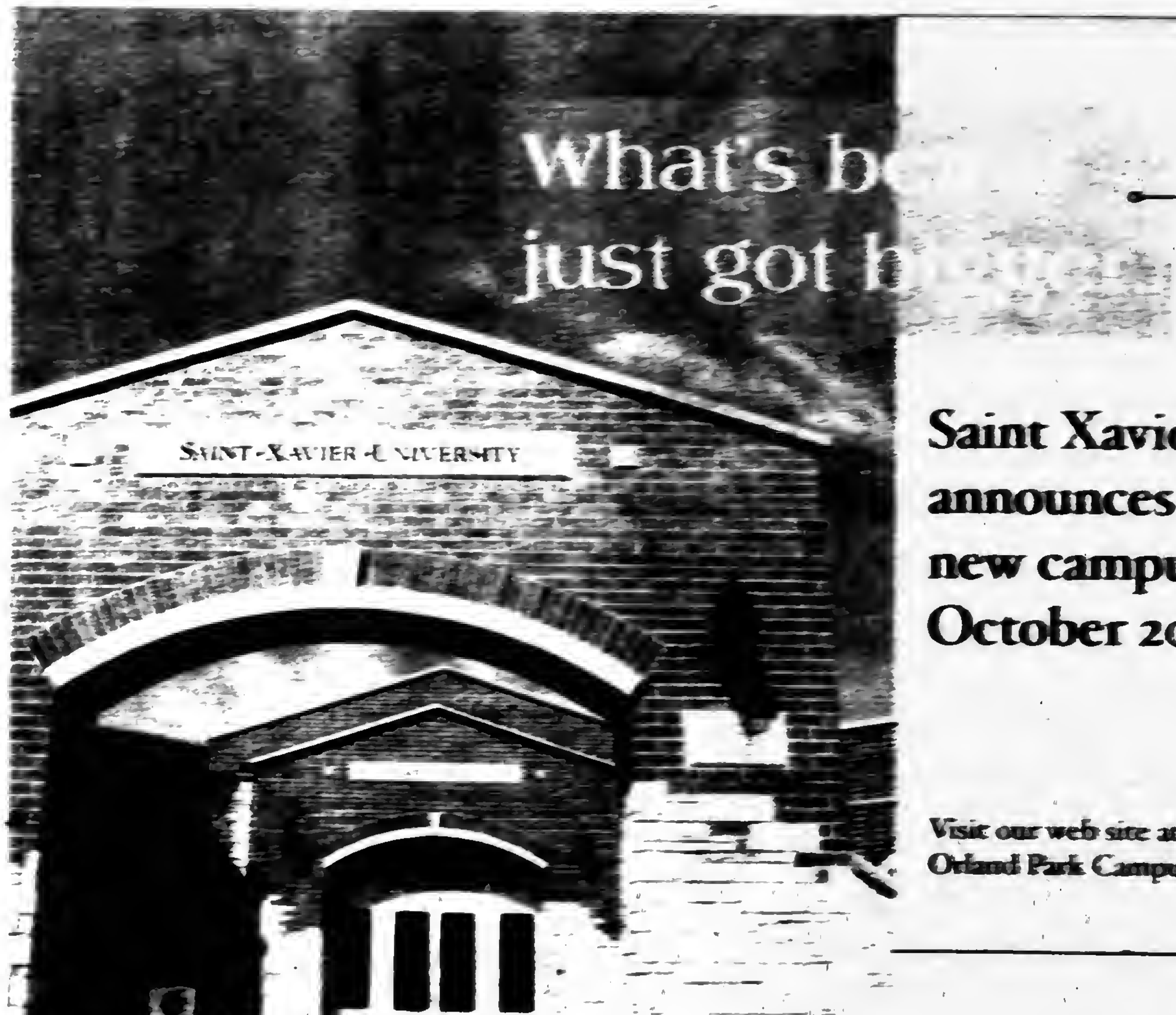
Tickets are $250 per person. Tables are available from $2,500 to $5,000. Tickets and tables can be purchased by contacting Erin O'Connor, Catholic Charities Event Manager, at 312-655-7912.

Requests for assistance continue to escalate at Catholic Charities. Since July 1, 2002, more than 3,500 people have received services directly from Catholic Charities each month.

VFW Men's Auxilary

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America (the VFW) has amended its National By-Laws to authorize the forming of a Men's Auxiliary units. The Chicago Ridge VFW Post No. 177 is now in the process of forming one of the first Men's Auxiliary to the VFW units in the nation. They will be charter members.

If you are a son, grandson, husband, father, grandfather or brother of a person eligible to join the VFW, you are eligible to join the new Men's Auxiliary to the VFW. Interested men, please contact our Post and ask for John at 708-636-3220. If you have any questions, please call. The main purpose of the Men's Auxiliary is to aide our VFW Post in its assistance to American Veterans and the many patriotic projects.



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Oak Lawn employees recognized for length of service

By Matt Mayer

Trustee Ron Stancik was chairman pro-tem at the August 12th board of trustees meeting. The meeting commenced with service awards presented to employees. An award for 30 years of service went to Alan Wierdak (Public Works Department) 25 year awards went to Rochelle Hatton (Senior Center) and Dominic Grana (Police Department). A 20 year award went to John Klimek (Public Works. Awards for 15 years – went to Peter Lombardi, Michael Jensen, and Edward Brandt of the Fire Department and Kenneth Hansen, Robert Pavesic, Michael Mitchell, Matthew Siple and John Sroka of the Public Works Department. 10 year awards went to Patrick Barron (Police Department). Awards for 10 years went to Fire Department employees: Paul Chiocola, Daniel Grennan, Vincent Griffin, James Leikel, Michael Boubel and Timothy Radtke.

The board approved a petition requested from Jim Mc Nulley of InSite Oak Lawn, LLC. requesting to rezone from PL (Public Lands) and R-1 (Single Family Residential) Districts to C-2 (General Service Business) District at 9428, 9446 S. 54 Ave., 9433, 9435 S. 54th Ct. and 5400, 5410-14 and 5420 W. 95th Street.

Village Manager Joe Faber reported receiving several inquiries from individuals, businesses and communities regarding contributions towards a memorial tribute for the late Mayor Ernest Kolb. Speaking to trustees, it had been decided that a statue of the Mayor sitting on a park bench located on the Village Green would be most appropriate.

Faber stated upon researching, he had located and visited, along with other village officials, Timeless Creations, Inc of Highland Park, which specializes in memorial statues. Faber stated that the cost of the project is $100,000 and that the first phase of the project is the design and the location of the statue at a cost of $5,000. The duration of this phase is approximately 90 days, in which time Faber will attempt to raise funds for the completion of the project.

The board approved this expenditure with the provision that the monies be returned from the funds raised. Also the board agreed not to enter the second phase if an inadequate amount of funds were raised. However the board is very optimistic they will be able to receive the total amount.

Also Trustee Jerry Hurkes reported that School District 122 has decided to name the new Dearborn Heights School after Mayor Kolb. The school is slated to open at the end of September, at which time there will be a formal announcement, followed by a formal dedication.

The following petition requests from RTG Oak Lawn, LLC Matthew Klein, attorney for the Gammonty Group, were approved by the board a request for various variations for property at 5100 W. 95th Street. A request to rezone from PL (Public Lands) and R-1 (Single Family Residential) Districts to C-2 (General Service Business) district at 5100 W. 95th Street.

A request for a special use to allow Multi-Family Residential in a C-2 (General Service Business) Zoning District at 5100 W. 95th Street, as well as a request for a parking variation at 5100 W. 95th Street. The board also approved a petition request from Dr. James Casey for special use to allow a coffee shop in a PL (Public Lands) zoning district at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave.

The board approved Trustee Ron Stancik as Voting Delegate and Trustee William Keane as Alternate Delegate for the Illinois Municipal Conference. The board then approved a motion to enter into an executive session for the purpose of labor negotiation discussion. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 9th.

O.L. Park District hosts annual tennis tournament

Jill Reyes Tiongco (left) and Vanessa Pangikas

Some excellent tennis was played the weekend of July 19 at Richards High School tennis courts in Oak Lawn, said organizers of the Oak Lawn Park District's 24th Annual Oak Lawn Tennis Tournament.

"The weather was perfect for the two days with clear skies and moderate temperatures, allowing for some great matches of tennis," said Oak Lawn's Mike Sutko, USTA, USPTR, tournament director. Sutko was assisted by Palos Park resident and fellow tennis enthusiast, Don Duddleston.

The Park District is proud to announce the following results: Oak Lawn's Vanessa Pangikas over Oak Lawn's Paloma Garcia in Girls 16 and Under Singles; Orland Park's Michael Tabriz over Oak Lawn's Dan Bunce in Boys 16 and Under Singles; Chicago Ridge's Jill Reyes-Tiongco over Oak Lawn's Vanessa Pangikas in Women's Open Singles; Oak Lawn's Emily Goetz and Carol Gunderson over Oak Lawn's Sarah Lerner and Sara Bawadi in Women's Doubles; Chicago Ridge's Kurt Bardelli over Oak Lawn's John Suta in Men's Open Singles; Oak Lawn's Michael Wojnarowski and Justice's Roman Markiewicz over Orland Park's Barney Sforza and Oak Lawn's John Williams in Men's Doubles.

Moraine Valley seeks Host Homes

Moraine Valley is in need of host families for the students who will arrive in August to begin attending classes during the fall 2003 semester. Students will be arriving from Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.

Students pay host fees, which help to defray the cost of the student living in the home. Training and ongoing support also are available to all hosts. The Host Home Program sponsors the events and activities that provide hosts and students with opportunities to socialize and interact.

Previous international students who were asked to describe their experience living in a host home expressed positive responses and described their hosts as "great," "helpful," and "friendly." All students conveyed the importance their host families played in regard to their adjustment to the area.

"I have hosted fourteen different young ladies from four different countries in the past six years," said Doreen Daugherty, an Oak Lawn resident. "I have found hosting students to be a very educational, challenging, and enjoyable experience. Each one of my students has added many blessings to my life, and I have grown culturally through this experience. I consider it a great privilege to be involved with such wonderful students and with the Moraine Valley Community College Host Program."

Since the college's Host Home Program began in 1989, there have been more than 400 placements of international students in more than 200 host homes.

For more information about the Host Home Program or to request an application packet to become a host, call Claudia Robuck, international student housing coordinator, at (708) 974-5756.

Armed Service Announcements

Air Force

Air Force Airman Roberto C. Rodriguez of Oak Lawn, son of Jose Rodriguez, graduated from a six-week basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Also, Air Force Airman 1st Class David Boyer of Burbank, an air transportation apprentice, arrived for duty at Pope Air Force Base in Fayetteville, North Carolina. David Boyer serves in the Third Aerial Port Squadron. Boyer is the son of Keith and Roxanne Boyer.

Army

The Army is proud to announce the graduation of Army Pfc. Dannan C. Beltran, daughter of Merlou Bury of Chicago, from her strenuous nine weeks in basic combat training. She received this training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Army Pvt. James Craig, son of Isabel M. Medina of Chicago, has recently completed One Station Unit Training at the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia. During his time at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Craig was instructed in basic military training, as well as advanced individual training.

Pvt. Chantily Ortiz of the Army National Guard has graduated from nine weeks of basic combat training at For Jackson, South Carolina. Ortiz is the daughter of Yolanda Catalan of Burbank.

Marines

Parents Maxgorzata Mckay of Bridgeview and Wojciech Naglak of Chicago are proud to announce that their son, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Maciej D. Naglak, has completed his eight weeks of training needed to graduate from the Administrative Clerk Course at Personnel Administration School, Marine Corps Service Support School at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Navy

Jonathan Castaneda of Burbank has recently enlisted into the U.S. Navy under the Delayed Entry Program at Navy Recruiting District Chicago, Fort Sheridan, IL. Castaneda will complete his basic training at the Navy's Recruit Training Center at Great Lakes, IL.

Navy Petty Officer Second Class John Lambert of Evergreen Park was recently promoted based on his superior job performance, in addition to his outstanding abilities. Lambert currently serves aboard the fleet ballistic missile submarine USS Florida.

Navy Seaman Miguel A. Ponce De Leon, Jr. of Chicago has recently graduated from his U.S. Navy Basic Training. During his eight weeks of training, De Leon was stationed at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

Navy Seaman Recruit Michael A. Bronzell has recently completed his basic naval training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL. Bronzell is the son of Michael X. Bronzell of Oak Lawn and Donna Healy of Debary, Florida.

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Join the birthday greetings

PFC. Jeffery Keilman 2 BN 327 INF. 101st Air-

I would like you to meet my son Jeff. You may remember him as a boy walking down Maplewood enroute to St. Bernadette School. Maybe he played a game of basketball with or against one of your sons.

He might have attended St. Rita High School with one of your sons or took one of your daughters to the many dances at Mother McAuley High School.

What you may not know about my son is that he has been fighting in Iraq since March. On the road to Baghdad he fell ill with a local disease and while hospitalized continued to carry in Iraqi wounded. You may not know that while on guard duty he was shot at 15 times with an AK-47. God was with him and he was unharmed. Jeff has served his country well despite the odds and extreme heat.

We had hoped Jeff would be home to celebrate his 21st birthday on August 23rd with a backyard BBQ; a first beer (legally) and the traditional Pub Crawl through the Southside. This will not be the case. Jeff will spend his birthday in Iraq. Many of the troops will remain in the region until the fall or later.

Jeff has dreams like any 21 year-old. His dream has been to come home and buy his first car. While we don't have control over when he will return. We can give Jeff his dream. We are asking the Community to help make this happen. It is our goal to collect 21,000 birthday cards for Jeff. We are asking each family to enclose one dollar. I know with your support we can give Jeff his first car.

How can you help? Send a birthday card and enclose one dollar for deposit to Jeff's savings account. Then pass the word. Tell your friends and co-workers. Together we can make this happen for our hometown hero.

Evergreen Park Residents May drop off cards at E.P. Village Hall 9418 South Kedzie. All others mail to Jeffery Keilman 10300 South Cicero, #413 Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Calling all veterans

Are you a veteran? Do you have a story of an experience that should be shared with generations to come? Then we want to hear it. The Green Hills Public Library District and Stagg High School will be cooperating in the Veteran's History Project, sponsored by the Library of Congress. If you are a veteran, and have a personal account that you would like preserved, please call the Library at (708) 598-8446 and ask for Annette Armstrong. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Dr. Richard Houg speaks

Dr. Richard Houg, President of Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa, will be the pulpit guest Sunday, August 31 at 11 am and 6 pm at the Ashburn Baptist Church on Wolf Road at 153rd Street, Orland Park.

Community Wide Collection To Benefit U.S. Military Personnel

The Village of Orland Park Veterans' Commission is collecting contributions to purchase AT&T International Phone Cards for United States military personnel. Service personnel who have returned from Iraq have recommended the A T & T International Phone Cards.

"We want the soldiers to know that we know that they're there and they are not forgotten," said Orland Park Veterans Commission Chair Tom Dubelbeis.

"Many of the men and women overseas cannot afford a phone card with enough minutes to call home. At times, it may take up to 100 minutes just to connect," explained Gail Blummer, recording secretary for the commission. "The opportunity to call home is the most important thing to them," she added.

Dubelbeis added, "The calling cards will give them a break from the loneliness and a way to contact their loved ones."

Checks, made payable to the Orland Park Veterans Commission, may be mailed to the commission's attention at the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall; 14700 South Ravinia Avenue; Orland Park, IL 60462.

Orland Park's contributions will be distributed through the Parkhurst Army Reserve Unit in Darien, Illinois and the national VFW's Operation Uplink Program.

The Parkhurst Army Reserve Unit works closely with Orland Park's veterans, helping with the vets' participation in the annual Orland Days Parade, the commission's Annual Steak Fry and supporting the efforts both of Orland Park's veterans' organizations, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2604 and the Orland Memorial American Legion Post #111.

Those interested in contributing for the phone cards may download the donation form by accessing the Village of Orland Park's website www.orland-park.il.us. Contributions will be accepted until September 12, 2003. For more information, call Gail Blummer at 708/403-6203.

League in the Leaves

The Oak Lawn Park District invites adults to come out and play this fall in several of its sports leagues.

"Playing a sport for competitive or recreational purposes is a great opportunity for fitness and fun for adults, as well as kids," says Chris Finn, league organizer. "Adults get the added benefit of stress relief when they play after work or on the weekend."

Two new leagues will be offered this fall. The first-Adult Co-Rec Kickball-brings back a sport from childhood gym class that many adults may once again enjoy playing. Teams will play eight games plus playoffs and finals on Thursdays from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm at Centennial Park, located at 94th Street and Nashville Avenue. The league will run from September 11 through November 2. Fee is $250 per team of six to eight players.

A second new league this fall is Men's Competitive Indoor Volleyball, designed for serious players ages 18 and up. Each team will participate in round-robin play with game times varying each week between 6:30 pm and 10:30 pm on Thursdays at the Community Pavilion, 9401 South Oak Park Avenue. The league will run from October 2 until December 11. Fee is $300 per team of six to eight players.

Returning leagues this fall include : Men's Two-Hand Touch Football (Sundays, September 28-November 30); Men's Indoor Basketball (Thursdays, October 2-December 11); Women's and Co-Rec Indoor Volleyball (Tuesdays and Thursdays, October 2-December 11); Women's, Men's, and Co-Rec Softball (various days, September 8-October 3).

Registration is taken at the Community Pavilion only. For registration dates and deadlines, please call (708)-857-2420 or email pavilion@olparks.com.

St. Laurence Principal Br. Michael Segvich (right) and Campus Minister Br. Peter Martin (left)

St. Laurence students support schools for needy

Brs. Michael Segvich and Peter Martin made a pastoral visit to the Christian Brothers' schools located in Lima Peru from July 21-31. Br. Segvich is a member of the Christian Brothers Province Leadership Team and the schools are staffed with members of the Christian Brothers community. During their visit. Brs. Martin and Segvich also attended a conference of all the Christian Brothers serving in South America. The students of St. Laurence High School raised over $12,000 during this past school year to help support the three schools that the Christian Brothers operate for the poor in Lima. Nuevo Chimbote. and Moyobamba. Br. Martin also delivered cards in Spanish from the St. Laurence students. along with photos of the religion classes which contributed to the total amount raised. In an unprecedented effort. Mrs. Gorski's sophomore religion classes raised $6,000 of the total amount. Financial contributions from the students of St. Laurence to the Brothers' schools which educate the poor in Peru has been an on-going effort for over thirty years.

National Association of Retired Federal Employees meet

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Southwest Chicago Metro Chapter 1106 will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, August 20, 2003 at 10 am. The meeting will be held in the Oak Lawn Municipal Building at 9946 Raymond Avenue (5300 West). NARFE consists of retired federal employees. their spouses and survivors from Chicago's southwest side and the southwest suburbs. If you need further information, contact John C. Altar, President of Chapter 1106, at (708)-458-9990.

Letter to the Editor

August 1, 2003

The signs of another school year approaching are evident as we see school supplies for sale. Just as spring awakens the sleeping earth. another school year affords an opportunity to each student to be the best they can be. To each student I say let school awaken the greatness that lies within you.

School is a wonderful time in your life. Savor the moment! It is not always easy, but if you listen, ask questions and do your assignments, you can be successful. Remember you are unique individuals with many capabilities. You will be given the necessary tools to succeed. Use them wisely.

Be kind to each other. be patient and tolerant to those who are different: if you can't say a kind word. be quiet. Respect yourself. your parents and your teachers. Treat others as you would like to be treated. Use common sense.

You live in the greatest county in the world-America. America's future depends on you. and you have the power to make the difference. We believe in you. You are loved.

If this great country is to survive. we have the responsibility to provide our youth with the best possible education. It should be a priority of ours to see that our schools are safe;have an environment conducive to learning and staffed with capable. caring and dedicated teachers. Our health system. our military, our scientific research and our government will be stronger if we do.

To each student I wish a safe. happy and successful 2003-2004 school year!

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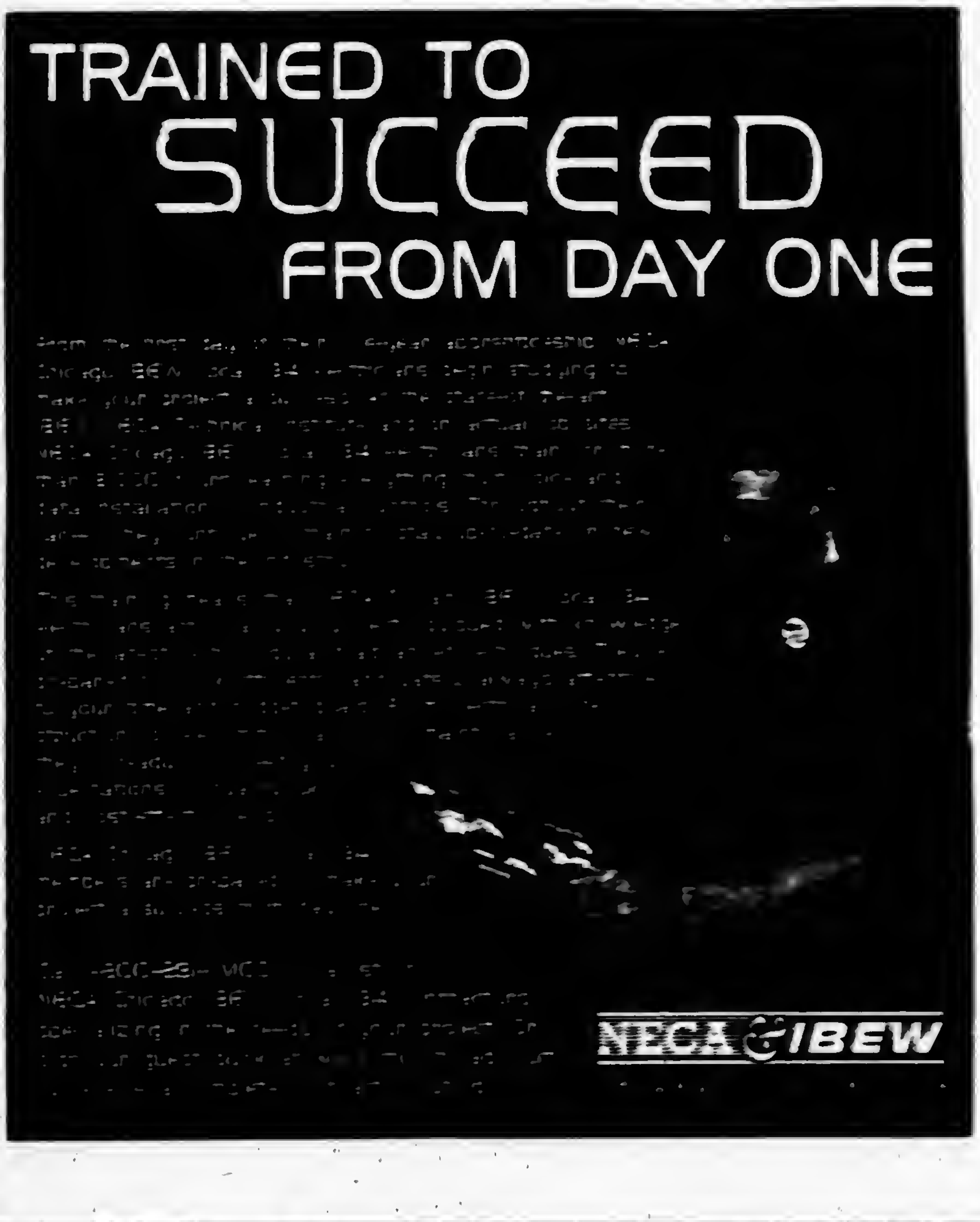

Dr. Charles S. Bouchard. was appointed chair of the department of ophthalmology. Loyola University

Loyola University Health System names new chair

Dr. Charles S. Bouchard, winner of the American Academy of Ophthalmology Achievement Award, was appointed chair of the department of ophthalmology, Loyola University Health System, Maywood, Ill.

Bouchard has served as the John P. Mulcahy professor of ophthalmology, Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine, since 2001. Currently, he is director of Loyola's cornea service and refractive surgery-LASIK program.

In his new role, Bouchard will oversee the department's administration, patient care, research and education.

Bouchard served in numerous capacities at Loyola, including as Loyola residency director since 1991; and as director of the cornea and external disease service at Edward Hines Jr., Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital, Maywood, Ill. Loyola's department of ophthalmology provides children and adults with comprehensive eye care, ranging from preventive screenings to the diagnosis and treatment of complex eye diseases.

Bouchard specializes in complex reconstruction and rehabilitation of corneal scarring due to injury or disease.

With state-of-the-art equipment, the faculty is actively involved in leading-edge research. "Of particular note," said Bouchard, "is that in a patient who had little hope of good vision, we performed a stem-cell transplant with excellent results."

Patients are treated at the new 224,000 square foot state-of-the-art Loyola Outpatient Center, Maywood; the Oakbrook Terrace Medical Center, Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.; the Loyola Center for Health, Hickory Hills, Ill.; as well as the Edward Hines Jr., Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital, Maywood. In addition, the department of ophthalmology provides vision screening programs to local senior centers and teaches surgery overseas in developing countries.

Bouchard holds a master's degree in physiology from Boston University School of Medicine, Boston. Bouchard received his medical degree from Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago. He received his residency training in ophthalmology at George Washington University, Washington, D.C., and completed a fellowship in corneal and external disease, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. He is board certified in ophthalmology.

Bouchard serves as a reviewer for several professional medical journals and is a member of numerous professional organizations.

In both 2002 and 2001, the Castle-Connolly guide named Bouchard a "Top Doctor in Chicago." He is past chairman of the Scientific Programs Committee of the Eye Bank Association of American and president-elect of the Chicago Opthalmological Society. Ocular immunology, ocular surface reconstruction and dry eye are Bouchard's special areas of interest.

He is the recipient of numerous grants and awards for research from the Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness, Eye Bank Association of America and the National Eye Institute (NEI), among others. Bouchard is the author or co-author of 45 scientific papers, 41 abstracts, 23 posters and seven book chapters. In addition, Bouchard is an invited speaker at local, national and international scientific meetings. He resides in glen Ellyn, Il.

Log onto www.luhs.org for more information.

Second home may be no vacation from maintenance

Important Tips That Every "Would-Be" Vacation Home Buyer Needs to Know

After a relaxing week at a rented beach or lake house this summer - and with mortgage rates lingering at record-low levels - one may be tempted to make an investment in a vacation home. "While buying a vacation house generally proves to be a wonderful, worthwhile investment, buyers should be aware that it, too, will need maintenance and upkeep like their present, year-round home - perhaps even more," says Rich Hofeld, Oak Lawn-area director of HouseMaster, one of the most recognized names in home inspections in the U.S. and Canada. "If your proposed vacation home has been rented in the past, has been vacant for any length of time - even if just in between seasons - or is located in an area that experiences climate extremes, it may have experienced accelerated wear and tear. It is very important to have a potential vacation home inspected to make sure the previous owners have put the time and money into properly maintaining the home so you don't inherit these problems without warning." Vacation homes and other non-primary residences are more prone to problems, say the experts at HouseMaster.

For example, pipes improperly drained after a summer season may have burst during a cold winter causing previous water damage, past storm damage may have threatened the stability of the building, poor ventilation may have resulted in premature roof wear, wood siding in contact with soil may have encouraged wood rot and insect problems, and so on. "When you don't spend your day-to-day time in a house, problems may not be as noticeable and can linger longer, causing more expensive damage over a longer period time, since these items were not caught early."

In order to make sure your second home ends up being the vacation get-away you dreamed it would be - and not your personal "money pit," HouseMaster experts offer the following tips:

* Hire a reputable real estate professional in the area you are thinking of buying in: Since vacation homes are usually not close to the primary house location of the buyer, the real estate professional acts as go-between, looking out for you and your property during the buying process and even after you take ownership. Many real estate providers can make arrangements for property management services to help care for the home when you're not around. Plus, they may handle renting your property if you choose to do so.

* Location: Many people choose their primary residences based on a particular school district or due to proximity to family or jobs. With a second home, this is not usually a concern, but you should consider who your neighbors will be. Determine if most of the homes around you will be owner occupied most of the season or are they generally rented out. You may not want to risk owning a home near several properties that are generally rented out to noisy neighbors, such as college students.

* Condition: The condition of the property is even more vital with a second home because you won't be there year round to fix problems as they pop up. HouseMaster estimates that 40% of resale homes will have at least one major defect that will require immediate repair or replacement, and that percentage may be even higher with vacation properties. "It is best to have a home inspected before committing yourself, and making a careful review of the reports' findings," says Hofeld. Consider immediate repairs needed, as well as maintenance issues and the ages and lifespans of various systems in the home. You should feel comfortable with the amount of effort that will be needed to enjoy the home. Hofeld adds, "it's no fun to be spending all your free time fixing your new vacation home or worse dealing with upset tenants who need you to make emergency repairs."

* Attend the inspection: Though you may be out of the area, make it a point to be present for the actual inspection, since any faults will weigh heavily into your decision to buy. It's important to see, first hand, what is found during the inspection, as well as how the systems work (particularly if these are systems you'll have to shut down at the end of the vacation season). If you can't be there, don't hesitate to ask the inspector to review the written report with you over the phone, so you understand the report in its entirety.

* Get estimates: Following the inspection, be sure to get estimates on any and all repairs, so you'll know how much your vacation home is really going to cost - or if you should just make a hotel reservation for next year.

For additional home buying tips, or to enter the new "Find It & Fix It" contest for a chance to win a $5,000 home improvement store gift card, visit www.housemaster.com, or contact your local HouseMaster franchise at (708) 798-8810.

Auditions open for Orland's new dance company

Dancers, age twelve and older, are invited to audition for the Orland Park Dance Company on Thursday, August 14th from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Auditions will be held at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street. Those auditioning should wear appropriate dance attire. The company's 32-week season will run from September, 2003 to June, 2004, culminating with a company dance recital. Those named to the company will be required to enroll in two additional classes offered through the village's Recreation and Parks Department, one ballet and one jazz or hip-hop class in the fall and the winter. Members of the village's Dance Company will have priority registration for the required classes. For more information, call the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-PARK.

Moraine Valley Workforce Development group helps business get results

Moraine Valley's Workforce Development and Community Services helps meet the demands of today's business world. The college offers individual courses as well as complete training packages for individuals, business and industry.

Workforce Development's Business Services Group, which consists of the Economic Development Council for the Southwest Suburbs, Procurement Technical Assistance Center and Small Business Development Center, increased their work with area businesses and business people during the 2002-03 academic year.

Moraine Valley staff conducted 1,360 counseling sessions with over 350 companies and individuals. This work resulted in 955 government contracts worth $21,565,995, both increases over 2001-02 results; the creation/retention of 425 jobs and the acquisition of over $2,485,000 in loans secured, also an increase over last year. The Group also helped with the startup/expansion of 18 companies.

"The college's Business Development Services Group did an excellent job this year in helping individuals and companies to cope with the struggling economy," said Douglas Brauer, dean of Workforce Development and Community Services. "We are here to assist businesses so they can meet the demands and challenges caused by economic uncertainty."

For inquiries, phone Mark Horstmeyer, director of College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5275 or email horstmeyer@morainevalley.edu.

Travel Log of a China vacation

by Annette Dixon

The introduction of China would be very difficult for me to interpret, since I do not speak Chinese. What I would really like to introduce is the timing of the China trip and include description of many cities I visited, along with the description of the places and beautiful culture of the Chinese people.

After traveling from Hong Kong to Shanghai to Suzhou to Wuhan to the river Yangtze Cruise, to Chongqing to Xian to Lhasa Tibet, to Beijing then departing from Hong Kong to Tokyo to the USA, my exciting trip was completed. The Travel Log, which I will be writing about, will include various cities in separate editions starting with August 19, and continuing with September 2, and a story about Tibet and Beijing in our September 16 issue.

March 19, 2003 was a very significant day while flying out of O'Hare Airport on American Airlines to Tokyo Air to Hong Kong. The passengers were anxious because United States bombed Iraq that day. No one knew what could happen throughout the world or to them in foreign countries. My feelings were flying high, for I was going to visit a country I wanted to see since I was about ten years old.

As a child, I attended Catholic school and missionary nuns from China would visit our school each year. We would save our pennies for the mission babies and of course they would collect the money for the starving children in China.

When I arrived in Hong Kong, I couldn't resist saying Ting Yi Bo Yow to my driver who met me at the airport. He said, "I don't understand what you said." Later I was introduced to my English speaking guide and I repeated the phrase. Alberto said, "God bless you too", now I knew I was at home, for I had learned that phrase at 10 years old.

The good sisters spoke Cantonese in Guangdong Province and Canton. Over 70 million speak this dialect world wide, and 50 million speak this dialect in China and north of Yangtze river, Mandarin is spoken. No wonder Mr. Gim, my driver didn't understand me. I found out later that he was from Xian and spoke Mandarin. Many mainland Chinese now live and work in Hong Kong because of the reinstatement to the Republic of China in 1997.

With no sleep for 16 hours plus the time difference of 7 hours my sight-seeing trip was becoming grueling. It was exciting to see an island surrounded by mountains and water. It was quite impressive to that three dimensional fashion.

My first stop was Victoria Peak on Hong Kong Island. I was asked where I wanted to go and what I want to see first. I chose Hong Kong Island plus the World Health Organization was crying wolf for SARS was the epidemic of the month. Kowloon and Hong Kong were certainly not the place to visit at this time and friends and family advised me not to travel to China, but I took the gamble and how lucky I was to be in China at this time. The tourist were at a minimum, the Chinese respected me for being an American in this country at this time and the crowds were sparse at all exhibits. It was a great time to visit China, no wall to wall people.

Victoria Peak, the highest point in Hong Kong with 373 meters, captures a view of the harbor and Kowloon's Peninsula. Because of the time of the year, the tram was not operating so the convenience of a private car along with two great legs hoofing it and after a 16 hour plane ride made the climbing bearable.

We went to the temple dedicated to the Gods Man (literature) and Mo (Martial Arts) from there we drove to Aberdeen Fishing Village where resting took place on the harbor boat ride and seeing the Jumbo Floating Restaurant was very enjoyable. Our San Pan ride gave me the insight to the kind of people who still own, live, and fish on their own elaborate Chinese Junkets. The very few boat people still have the ability to dock at the harbor in Aberdeen in a special section, but I heard only for the next few years.

While visiting Stanley Market I purchased 80 percent of my souvenirs, then proceeded to Repulse Bay where the visitors enjoy swimming with the elite.

The Chinese captured the effervescent neon lights, strobe and flood lights, that bring color to the city. They are experts with color lights throughout the city especially the old Kai Tak runway at the Kai Tak International Airport. Their new bridges leading from the airport to the islands are lit and just fantastic. Hong Kong is the fun capital of the world for they will be having Disney in the East coming this fall but now have Ocean Park.

Before lunch we drove to Tin Hau Temple, near the harbor, took pictures of the "Goddess of the Sea", which was being renovated. The statue dates back to the 18th century and built by the Hakka people. Over forty percent of Hong Kong is designated protected park land, which is great for there are 7 million people on Hong Kong.

I found free internet at all the Pacific Coffee Houses. Of course, if you didn't want to look for a coffee house, you could use any hotel computer with internet for a small fee, one US dollar per hour. For two days I had independent travel, taking precautionary measures when I rode the Star Ferry to Kowloon at only 10 cents one way. SARS, of course, was rampant in Kowloon, where one in every one thousand people wore masks.

Thinking ahead, I checked the sights the night before when there were less people, so I proceeded to the famous Clock Tower, which was built in 1922, originally it was part of the railway station. The Hong Kong Museum of Art with the Space Museum and Hong Kong Science Museum was newly built and exquisitely designed with marble interiors. After taking a bus ride in Kowloon on Nathan Road, I knew I'd rather do all my sight seeing in Hong Kong Island. Departing the Star Ferry, I saw one out of every 100 masked people, it was time to whip out my pink mask and wear it.

By the time I arrived on the Hong Kong side I took the mass transit railway to get a good feel of the city for sight-seeing the next day. My trip in Hong Kong was extensive in the way of walking and using the double decker buses and trams. March 23rd, Mr. Gim arrived at the hotel at 9:00 am and off we went to the airport on my way to Shanghai. Hong Kong was the only city I did not have to pay an exit tax.

SHANGHAI

This city was quite surprising as the most dullest gray smoggy city of all I had visited, outside China that is! It is immensely large with high rises everywhere. The Chinese want to equate this city with New York, but that would be impossible since New York has diversified heights and colorful buildings.

Shanghai is located at the mouth of the Yangtze River where it flows into the East China Sea. The port is busy with ships, cargo and tugboats, but in comparison to Wuhan, Wuhan has more luxury ships embarking and disembarking. It is stated that Shanghai is China's largest industrial city and foreign trade port. It covers 5,800 sq. kilometers with a population of over 14 million people.

The places of interest which I visited was the Bund, a mile of 1930's buildings once known as the wall street of Asia. Once a very famous hotel and still elegant is the Peace Hotel, which houses a great jazz band. Nanjing Road called Shanghai's "Fifth Avenue" is every women's paradise. Very few clothes with larger sizes, of course. The beautiful Bund was a site to see at night, for walking along the river reminded the visitor it could be Europe.

My English speaking guide had her driver with her so again I whisked away in elegance. We visited the beautiful Jade Budda which I took pictures and lost 92 pictures through all the airport scanners I used throughout the three week trip.

Yuyuan Garden, a 16th century year old garden with ponds, colorful pavilions, stone dragons, arching trees and even a zig zag bridge. It also houses one of the finest Ming Dynasty Garden and architecture.

I did not get tired of visiting museums and temples, for they contain different artifacts and exhibits. The Shanghai Museum established in 1952 is equal to any New York or Chicago museum in size and also contains brass, gold gild, and marble interior. It houses over 120,000 pieces of works art works in the collection with ancient Chinese bronze, ceramics, calligraphy and printing as its special feature. The works span from Meolithic Age through Ming and Quing dynasties until modern times. Ancient Chinese Jade and Chinese coins were always a main feature. Being the sole independent traveler along with an English speaking guide, I certainly enjoyed every sight visited on this trip. The Children's Palace, where children come to study the arts and language, once housed a Shanghai millionaire. Before depart for the hotel, we certainly had to visit the new trendy restaurant with 50's 60's decor, only two months old. They offered pizza, ribs, shish-kabob, french fries, it was an all American look that I am sure my 22 year old English speaking guide wanted to see. This was a fresh idea in DJ entertainment for the Chinese in a trendy plush shopping area of Shanghai. The next day we went to Suzhou to visit the Lingering Garden, Garden of Marter Net, Pan Gate and walk through the silk factory for more purchases.

Always having a great combined English and Chinese breakfast, my guide picked me up at 8:00 am and we traveled by car to her home town, Suzhou. Christine was a eloquent speaking person who also was very friendly. Friendly enough to give me information on politics and also showing me a desire to advance herself in another country, preferably United States. What she did not show me was a ride on the canal, which she avoided, knowing that was my request. After all, Marco Polo sailed on this canal. Suzhou's population is only 680,000 and the city is dirty and crowed and poverty does exist but the city is quaint because of its 2500 year old history. I looked at the canal and walled city but did not travel the waterway. I didn't find out until I arrived home that it could have been dangerous because of the SARS epidemic, with all the waste in the canal. Christine was looking out for me. After arriving back to Shanghai, Christine and I went out for some night life which was great, she was real cool. The next morning my driver and Christine drove me to the airport for another flight to the city of Wuhan.

WUHAN

The most beautiful city so far and a clean city with color, prosperity, not only centrally, but everywhere. Wuhan, a most industrial and commercial center of central China. Wuhan marks the halfway point between Shanghai and Tibet. It is the longest stretch between Chongqing and Shanghai. I was met by another English speaking guide and he was most educated with his doctorate. He wanted to show me again a museum, but this time we saw a performance of the playing of 2000 year old bells, the University, the city along the coastal waterway of the Han River and the Guiyin Temple. One day and night in Wuhan was not enough, but it was on the way to the Three Gorge Dam which took me to the Yangtze River Cruise.

The Han River and Yangtze river crosses in the center of town which is most beautiful. Wuhan is the most prettiest city of all with lots of color within the city. It is prosperous and there are wealthy areas not only in the center of the city but many places within the city. More importantly its property was built by the French and English and its historical area was more elegant than the Bund or downtown provincials of Shanghai. This is a city I could say I would like to see again. Many cruise ships embark here, so my advise is to schedule this city on one of your cruises. After a good night's rest in Changhai Hotel which was located at the crossing of Li HuangPi Road, Hanjian Avenue on Wuhan River beach where it has been the archaic street and famous concession area. It has won the National Tourism Administration's golden medal of environment and arts for ir [illegible]hitecture in Hubei province.

Please read the September 2, edition for more cities within China.

Chicago Teens Studied for Mononucleosis-Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Link

Is there a link between mononucleosis and chronic fatigue syndrome? A five-year, NIH-funded $2.6 million study of some 400 Chicago-area teens at thChicago Teens Studied for Mononucleosis-Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Linke University of Illinois at Chicago aims to find out.

More than half a million Americans suffer from chronic fatigue syndrome, a debilitating disorder that saps those afflicted of all energy and interferes with daily living.

Many who have it can't work or become so tired after work that they're unable to do anything more.

While criteria have been set to help physicians diagnose chronic fatigue syndrome, much about the disease — including what causes it — remains unknown.

Among the gray areas of chronic fatigue syndrome is its prevalence in adolescents. Symptoms often mimic those of a disease common in this age group — mononucleosis — but unlike acute mononucleosis, chronic fatigue syndrome can endure sometimes for years.

Renee Taylor, a researcher in the UIC College of Applied Health Sciences, will look at Chicago-area teens who develop mono, then go on to develop chronic fatigue syndrome — in an effort to shed new light on possible causes of CFS.

"We will look at a specific subgroup of people with the syndrome (the post-infectious subtype) to better learn the cause and course of the illness as it progresses, and look at some of the factors that are responsible for its progression following infection in adolescents," said Taylor, an associate professor of occupational therapy.

About 400 Chicago-area adolescents who develop mononucleosis will be recruited for the study. Physicians at more than 50 primary care practices affiliated with Children's Memorial Hospital, UIC and Advocate Health Care will be asked to refer patients with mono to take part.

Three earlier studies in Australia, Britain and the United States found that roughly 10 percent of adults with mono do not recover within six months of its onset. The unanswered questions are if the symptoms persisting beyond six months are those of lingering mononucleosis, chronic fatigue syndrome or some other post-infectious fatigue process, and whether the syndrome manifests itself differently in adolescents.

Taylor's study hopes to answer this by tracking the adolescents over a two-year period. Those who remain chronically fatigued six months after being diagnosed with mono will be matched with a control group of youngsters who recover as expected.

"By studying patients with mono, we're allowed to conduct prospective research so we can look at a patient before they develop chronic fatigue syndrome, at the stage where they've just developed an infection, and then follow them over a two-year period to determine what characteristics of these mono patients who don't recover may lead to the development of this post-infectious chronic fatigue syndrome," Taylor said.

"Of the abnormalities found so far in people with chronic fatigue syndrome, it's unknown if they came before or after the disease, or if they were part of someone's biological predisposition. By studying adolescents with mono, we're taking a well-documented group of people for whom we know at least 10 percent never fully recover."

Taylor hopes the findings will help physicians treat youngsters with mono with new knowledge and expertise that may ultimately prevent them from developing chronic fatigue syndrome.

"If a young person with mono comes to a doctor with acute depression, which is very common with mono, or if it's known there are endocrine or cardiovascular problems that are different and in excess of what would be expected in a kid with mono, they could monitor the patient and provide care and treatment so it does not become a more severe chronic illness."

Taylor, a specialist in the study of fatigue-related disabilities, is a co-editor with Leonard Jason and Patricia Fennell of the newly-released reference text, Handbook of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, published by John Wiley & Sons.

For more information about UIC, visit www.uic.edu

Advocate Christ Medical Center seek new members

Advocate Christ Medical Center, located at 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, is currently seeking new members for its volunteer department. Volunteers are needed Sunday through Saturday, 8:00 am to 9:00 pm.

Volunteers donate their services in patient and non patient areas. There are volunteer opportunities in a variety of areas, including Guest Services, Emergency Department, Mission and Spiritual Care and Gift Shops. There are also opportunities with mail delivery, non direct patient care and clerical work.

For more information call 708-346-5248 or visit www.advocatehealth.com/christ and click on "volunteer opportunities" to learn more or to apply online.

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Welcome back to school kids!

Parents be careful when picking up your child. Children can run out from between parked cars.

Magnification Endoscopy Helps Identify Patients at Risk for Colon Cancer

A unique procedure being offered at the University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago may become the benchmark to guide physicians in determining a patient's risk for colon cancer.

Using magnification endoscopy, doctors can see microscopic lesions of the colon not visible during a standard colonoscopy. The lesions may be an important biomarker for the development of colon cancer several years before polyps appear..

UIC is the only Illinois hospital with the technology to magnify the colon 70 times, using a combination of optical and digital magnification. The procedure, performed with a Fujinon endoscope, is offered at fewer than a dozen institutions worldwide.

Unlike standard colon cancer screening programs that rely on the detection and removal of polyps — only 5 percent of which ever become cancerous — magnification endoscopy allows a physician's trained eye to see microscopic lesions defined as aberrant crypt foci in the lining of the colon.

"We believe magnification endoscopy can become the gold standard for determining a patient's lifetime risk of developing colon cancer," says Dr. Richard Benya, associate professor of medicine and member of the UIC Cancer Center. "If we can identify patients who are not at risk for colon cancer, we can potentially save patients from additional testing and removal of polyps. The current standard of care for identifying, removing and testing polyps in everyone over 50 years old has an enormous impact on the cost of public health."

In animal studies, dysplastic (abnormally shaped and larger) aberrant crypt foci provide a relevant marker for colon cancer. While these lesions do not cause cancer, they are believed to be important in determining what area of the colon may be at higher risk for the development of cancer.

By identifying and quantifying the lesions in humans, physicians may provide patients with strategies to stave off cancer by recommending diet, exercise and other lifestyle changes to alter the lesions over time.

"We see no reason why patients cannot make positive changes in their life to prevent disease before it occurs," says Dr. Robert Carroll, assistant professor of medicine and a member of the UIC Cancer Center. He says that offering patients a complete nutritional and health evaluation along with magnification endoscopy gives them the ability "to change the number of aberrant crypt foci in the colon over time, and thereby lessen the likelihood of developing cancer."

Colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States. Risk factors include advancing age, a personal or family history of colorectal cancer or polyps, a low-fiber and high-fat diet, obesity, alcohol consumption and tobacco use. Screening for colorectal cancer is recommended for all adults beginning at age 50.

Patients undergoing magnification endoscopy at UIC will find the test similar to a standard colonoscopy. The procedure takes 30-40 minutes and patients are given anesthesia to ease any discomfort.

First, a new, improved technique developed by UIC physicians is used to prepare the colon. The tissue of the colon is washed and stained using a barium enema infused with methylene blue dye. Doctors then examine the rectum and colon using a standard colonoscope.

When this view is complete, the magnification lens is turned on to allow a more detailed look at the distal colon, where the majority of cancers occur.

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Children attending Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 will begin the 2003-2004 school year on Monday, August 25. On August 25, 26, and 27, students in grades 1 through 8 will begin school at 8:40 am and will be dismissed at 12:00 noon. There will be no student attendance on Thursday, August 28 and Friday, August 29. The individual building principals will notify parents of kindergarten children of their school hours.

If the parents of returning students have not received fee packet information in the mail, please call the Business Office at (708)-423-0950 extension #2112.

The District Office is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Northeast and Southeast Schools will hold their information and schedule pick-up day on Tuesday, August 19 from 1:00-4:30 pm and 5:30-7:30 pm. Central Junior High School will host their information and schedule pick-up date on Wednesday, August 20 from 1:00-4:30 pm and 5:30-7:30 pm.

Queen of Peace High School sponsors class reunions

Queen of Peace High School will sponsor a '90s Decade Reunion and an Alumnae Champagne Brunch in September.

All members of the graduating classes of the 1990s are invited to celebrate with the anniversary classes of 1993 and 1998 at the '90s Decade Reunion on Friday, September 12 at the Oak Lawn Hilton, located at 94th Street and Cicero Avenue in Oak Lawn. Cocktail reception begins at 6:30 pm, followed by dinner and dancing until midnight. Tickets cost $45 and must be reserved by Wednesday, August 20.

An Alumnae Champagne Brunch for the anniversary classes of 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, and 1988 will be held Sunday, September 14 at the Renaissance Oak Brook Hotel at 3500 Midwest Road in Oak Brook. Ticket cost is $40 and includes champagne, iced tea, juice, and coffee. A cash bar will be available. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, August 20.

For more information about the reunions, call Cindy Kmetty, associate director of development, at (708)-458-7600, extension 250, or visit www.queenofpeace.org to download a reservation form for the events.

Football Jamboree for Grade School Squads

St. Rita High School will hold its 13th Annual Mustang Football Jamboree on Sunday, August 24 for all 7th and 8th grade varsity football squads. Each team is guaranteed three controlled scrimmages that will consist of two sets of ten offensive and defensive plays. Although no score will be kept, these scrimmages are a useful tool for the teams and coaches in preparing for their upcoming seasons. The entire Fighting Mustang coaching staff will assist in supervising the scrimmages and spotting the ball. The event is free to all teams. Teams will have the opportunity to see St. Rita's newly renovated Doyle Stadium. Registration begins at noon. T-shirts, hot dogs, and soda will be provided for all participants. To reserve a spot in the "Mustang Jamboree," please call (773)-925-RITA with team roster and information by Wednesday, August 20.

Substitue teacher resumes accepted at Marist

Administrators at Marist High School are now accepting resumes for substitute teacher positions for the 2003 - 2004 academic year. Minimum requirements include a bachelor's degree and strong interpersonal skills. Opportunities are available for a variety of subjects and grade levels.

Those who wish to be considered for the positions should send a cover letter and resume to Br. Gerard Brown at Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street, Chicago, IL, 60655. Resumes may also be sent via fax to 773-881-0595.

Founded by the Marist Brothers in 1963, Marist High School is a private Catholic school serving the young men and women of southwest Chicago and the surrounding suburbs.

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TRAGEDY ON TROY AVENUE

The low rumbling sound in the sky brought neighbors out, curious to see what the commotion was all about. The ominous sight of three helicopters hovering above, gave reason to wonder just what in the world could be so serious as to warrant such media attention. Soon we had the answer. It wasn't a terrorist attack or major bank robbery, which is what crossed many minds. The horror that was unfolding hit much closer to home.

In a Mt. Greenwood neighborhood, as kids played ball in the street, and dads were out giving the lawn a quick trim before dinner, a father lay shot to death, in front of his own home, killed by his 14 year old son.

This is not the first time that news crews converged on this tight knit community. But this time their reporting would tell a ghastly tale that would leave a haunting question on all our minds: How could a kid kill a parent in cold blood? As soon as news of this atrocity became public, the stories began circulating with a frenzy. Some said the kid was a problem child, while others said they knew him as a quiet kid who never gave anybody any trouble. The same contradictions were said about the dad. Depending on who you talked to the dad was painted as kind and patient, but also there were hints that maybe he was too strict-bordering on abuse.

Being a parent that's what bothered me the most since news of this tragedy. Nobody knows for sure what goes on in the privacy of a family. Murder is a concept almost impossible to comprehend, and maybe it's human nature to try and rationalize what happened. Whenever a parent is murdered at the hands of a child we try to find an easy answer. Maybe the child was driven to it, pushed to the limit by an abusive parent. Or, maybe the parents were good, well-meaning people who did their best for an unruly child whose deep seated problems were out of their reach.

The newspapers reported that the boy from Mt. Greenwood premeditated his father's murder. As shocking as that is to imagine, it was also hard to read that this 14 year old showed up in court completely alone—no friends or family members beside him. I know it's not for any of us to judge, and nobody but the people involved can vouch for the reason things are handled the way they are. As a wife and mother my heart breaks for a man whose life was cut short, for a woman who lost her husband, and for a boy who obviously has issues and who will live with the reality of what he's done for the rest of his life.

We will never fully know what led up to the heinous crime committed on 111th Troy a few weeks ago. It is not for us to pass judgement on what we think 'could've' happened. When acts of violence happen, such as this, it reminds us that sometimes in life, when all hell breaks loose, all we can do is pray that justice is served.

My prayers are, of course, with the family for their tragic loss. But, there's a part of me that hurts for this young boy. I hope he'll get the help he so desperately needs and that someday he will be forgiven. The end

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Glass Cow Molds Worth Moolah

By Anita Gold

Q. Could you provide me with any information regarding a glass butter mold with a cow design, and tell me what it could possibly be worth? Georgia Marshall, Indianapolis, IN

A. Most of the buttermolds manufactured in the 19th century, were made of wood. The few that were made of glass were patented pieces manufactured in the last third of the century. Such examples are clear pressed or molded glass and are of the plunger type, consisting of a cylindrical cup-shaped glass piece and an inner round glass tamp attached to a wooden handle, that would move up and down through a hole at the top of the outer cylinder.

The most attractive feature of such glass butter molds is their designs that were incised or pressed into the glass tamp. When butter was packed into the glass cylinder and pushed out with the wooden plunger handle attached to the tamp, the butter was embossed with the mold's design. Some glass butter molds, were designed with a star motif, others had a fleur-de-lis, and still others (which are the most popular and sought-after examples) are designed with a figure of a standing cow. However, reproductions with the cow motif were made, and therefore can easily fool the unwary unless one knows how to spot an original.

Some genuine glass butter molds with the standing cow motif are embossed with the words "Bomer Pat. Apld. For" around the sides of the outer cylinder. Others that are authentic are embossed or marked with a patent date. Such examples are genuine, and although there are other genuine examples with the cow motif that are not marked with the name or patent date, their authenticity is questionable.

If you ever come across a glass butter mold with the cow design, and have difficulty distinguishing whether it's an original or a reproduction, here are some handy tips that'll help you decide. On some reproductions, the glass has a bit of a greenish tinge or tint, and when help up to the lightshows flawsand bubbles and has wavy and uneven surfaces to appear old-looking. (Genuine examples are of clear glass with no tinted color.) Also on some of the reproductions, the bottom edge of the outer cylinder is not perfectly round, and on some copies a somewhat pleated or scalloped area can be feltwhen the finger is run around the inside of the mold. (When you do the same thing to a genuine example, it should feel smooth.) The, too, the tops of some reproductions (when looking straight down on the mold's cup-shaped part) look pitted to appear old. A good clue is the wooden plunger handle (attached to the tamp) which on a genuine example is topped off by a nicely turned and rounded mushroom-shaped finial that's stained a honey-brown or butternut color. The handle on a reproduced example is of crude workmanship and of unfinished wood, and has a flat knob at the top. Then, too, the outer cylinder on some of the reproductions is somewhat shorter (measuring 2 7/8 inches high), while the originals are taller measuring 3-inches high). The value of a glass butter mold with a cow design, depends on its condition and markings. Original old examples in good condition with no cracks or chips in the glass, can command as much as $100 or $200 because of their scarcity. The nice thing about glass butter molds is that they can still be used and are easily cleaned afterwards, as most collectors do not particularly care to use old wooden types.

Write Anita Gold, P.O. Box 597401, Chicago, IL 60659. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with a copy of this column and the name of the paper in which it appears for a reply.

Open Lands of Orland Park To Host Bike/Run Team Race

Oil your bike wheels and get out your running shoes. Open Lands of Orland Park will sponsor its second annual fundraising Ride 'n Tie Race on Sunday, October 26, 2003. The race begins at Meadow Ridge School, 159th Street and 108th Avenue, and then travels ten miles on village streets and finishes back at Meadow Ridge School.

The Ride 'n Tie consists of two-person teams, who alternate biking and running over a ten-mile course. One team member starts off running while the other is on the bike. The biker may put down the bike at two miles, and when the runner reaches the bike, they change modes and continue. Each team may decide when to make the switch, but there are two mandatory change points. Both team members and bike must cross the finish line together. Mountain and road bikes are permitted and helmets are mandatory. The field is limited to 150 teams.

Check-in begins at 7 a.m. and the race starts at 8 a.m. Pre-registration is open until Saturday, October 25, 2003. Registration is available at the Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue, the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street, or on-line at www.signmeupsports.com. Packet pick-up will be at Human Race Sports, 15148 South LaGrange Road, on October 23rd, 24th and 25th.

The cost of the race is $50 per team/pre-registration and $60 per team the day of the race. All participants will receive a t-shirt. Awards will be given to the top three teams in each age/gender group and to the top overall winners. Refreshments will be available after the race.

The Open Lands of Orland Park Corporation is a not-for-profit entity created to raise funds and purchase open space to augment public open space efforts. Open Lands has been raising money from private sources and through fundraising events like this to enable the Village of Orland Park to purchase vacant parcels of land. In 2000, residents approved the $20 million Open Lands Referendum. The fund has also received more than $4 million in grants from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to purchase vacant parcels. More than 160 acres of open space have been purchased, along with 28 acres having been donated. Several more properties are being pursued.

The Ride 'n Tie Race is sponsored by Open Lands of Orland Park, Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department, Human Race Sports, Chicago Athlete, Brooks, Clif Bar, Buffalo Wing Wings and AthleteX.

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Youth baseball league invites other teams

Hickory Hills Youth Baseball/Softball invites your leagure to our Fall Ball Classic Annual Tournament.

The tournament will feature: 6 teams in a seeded format. Each team plays 6 games in order to get seeded. The top 3 teams advance to the playoffs. Games will be on Saturdays only. Sunday will be rain dates.

Offered to both divisions are baseball and girls 12" fast pitch softball. The tournament will be held for four age levels per division: Baseball (7-8), (9-10),(11-12),(13-14), Softball (10-Under), (12-Under), (14-Under), (16-Under).

The tournament will run Sept. 6 through Oct. 25. The location will be the Hickory Hills youth baseball/softball fields at 9900 South 76th Avenue Hickory Hills, Illinois.

For more information, contact John Racanelli at (708) 598-3362 .

Live homework help

Need help with your homework? Beginning September 1, the Green Hills Public Library District in Palos Hills can lend a virtual hand with the library's new and free online tutoring service called Live Homework Help. It will be available between the hours of 4 pm and 10 pm through the library's Web site at www.greenhills.lib.il.us.

Green Hills Library is one of the first libraries in the area to offer this service, officials say. The new Internet homework help service will complement traditional services designed for students in grades four through 12. Students can click on the "Live Homework Help," link and follow the instructions to get help with a variety of subjects. On the other end of this virtual help desk, professionally-screened tutors and experts are poised to offer their assistance. "They employ professors, graduate students and experts in the subject areas," said Tara Daetwiler, Manager of Public Services.

Students can get help from these tutors in real time for up to 20 minutes. While students can ask specific homework questions, they won't get direct answers. "They help them through the thought process so they can solve their problems on their own," Daetwiler said. Once a session is complete, students can print out the transcript for use in class. While a librarian is always on duty to help when the library is open for business, the online service is always open for business at times we are not. For more information, contact Youth Services at 598-8446 ext. 20.

On display at Green Hills

The paintings of Palos Hills resident Mary Larke are on display at the Library throughout the month of August. While Mary has had no formal art education, she has had many local teachers and spent some time painting on locating in New Mexico with a local artist. "I've loved the beauty of nature ever since I could remember." She raised a family and worked as a nurse painting in earnest only after retirement.

Also on display in August is the beautiful craftwork of the Illinois Prairie Painters. Stop in and enjoy these collections the next time you are picking up a book or movie. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Road repairs to begin on 94TH Avenue

Road repairs on 94th Avenue from 151st Street to 159th Street are scheduled to begin Monday, August 11, 2003. Work will include curb repair and asphalt overlay. One lane in each direction will remain open for traffic during construction. The project is expected to be completed in approximately three to four weeks.

Village of Orland Park selects developer

The Village of Orland Park took another step closer to realizing their vision for a new Town Center by announcing the selection of Orland Park Town Center Venture, LLC as developer of the Town Center project site at the northwest corner of LaGrange Road and 143rd Street. Orland Park Town Center Venture is a development team headed by Mesirow Stein Development Services, Inc., The Harlem Irving Companies, Mid-America Investment & Development Company, LLC and New Frontier Companies.

Mesirow Stein Development Services, Inc.: Since 1971, Chicago-based Mesirow Stein Development Services has been consistently recognized as one of the best-of-class real estate service enterprises in the country, with an impressive portfolio including the McCormick Place West Expansion, the McCormick Place South Expansion, University Village, and the Glenview Naval Air Station Redevelopment ("The Glen").

New Frontier Companies: New Frontier Companies is a full service real estate company that focuses on the development of distinctive residential and commercial properties. The New Frontier Companies is a group of 11 firms with expertise in new construction, real estate development, retail, and residential property management. Since 1975 New Frontier has developed or managed more than 15,000 dwelling units.

The Harlem Irving Companies: The Harlem Irving Companies is a dynamic organization that continues to distinguish itself as a leading developer of shopping centers as well as a wide variety of properties ranging from public use facilities, retail and commercial developments, and multi-unit residential and institutional real estate. Whether a project is a joint venture or one of its own, the Harlem Irving Companies brings a level of experience, vision and tested expertise that has made it one of the most respected names in the industry.

Mid-America Investment & Development Company, LLC: Mid-America Investment & Development Company, L.L.C. ("MIDCO") is a part of the Mid-America Real Estate Group, a 20-year-old firm specializing in all aspects of retail development, leasing, sale and management. MIDCO grew out of desire of the Mid-America Group to serve a growing demand by retailers to expedite the development process and to create long-term value for investment partnerships.

Orland Park Town Center Venture responded to the Village's Request for Qualifications and Approach in December, and competed over the last six months to earn the opportunity to redevelop the parcels into a high-quality mixed-use neighborhood. The Town Center project site is 36 acres and includes a divergent mix of land uses and vacant parcels. The Village's vision for the redevelopment of the site is to create a distinctive new "Town Center" area that will provide a unique focal point for the community and will include a new Metra commuter station, commercial, residential, entertainment, public space and parking. Orland Park Town Center Venture submitted a concept plan for a mixed-use transit-oriented plan that contains a variety of residential and retail products, as well as the opportunity to include a performing arts center. The project cost is currently estimated in excess of $100 million.

Mayor Dan McLaughlin stated, "I'm excited that the idea of a 'downtown' area in Orland Park is closer to becoming a reality. I am confident that Mesirow Stein and the OPTCV team will do a great job working with the village, Metra and businesses to develop a pedestrian-oriented town center that includes residential, historical, retail and entertainment amenities. McLaughlin went on to say, "I'm looking forward to getting this important project started and I know that the residents of Orland Park will find this to be a very welcome addition to the community."

The Village selected Orland Park Town Center Venture over other competitors based upon the team's mixed-use expertise, strong financial capacity to complete the project, experience with public/private partnerships, and a history of high-quality architecture and development. The Orland Park Town Center Venture team has been working together for many years on University Village in Chicago and The Glen in Glenview, Illinois. Joining Orland Park Town Center Venture is HKM Architects + Planners and civil engineering consultant SDG.

Orland Lifeguard Receives National Honor

Orland Park Centennial Park Aquatic Center Lifeguard Kendra Will has been named the recipient of the "Golden Guard Award" from the international aquatic safety consultants Jeff Ellis and Associates.

Located in Kingwood, Texas, Ellis and Associates gives the Golden Guard Award to a select 150 lifeguards across the country. It honors guards who "...exhibit the very best in lifeguarding skills and behavior as well as strong leadership characteristics."

Staff from Ellis and Associates conduct random, unannounced safety audits at more than 80 percent of the water parks in the United States, along with those in other countries. They visited Orland Park's Centennial Park Aquatic Center on June 29th.

"Kendra certainly reflects the high standards of safety for which the Centennial Park Aquatic staff strives," said Orland Park Recreation and Parks Director Gary Major. "Her achievement further underscores the commitment that the Village of Orland Park has to all of its participants. She is to be applauded," he added.

Orland Park Recreation Program Supervisor Gina Hassett oversees the operation of the village's aquatic center.

"I was very excited with the score that we received during our first audit of this year," Hassett said. "Our guards scored 100 percent during the unannounced audit, which is outstanding. Kendra Will being named a Golden Guard was icing on the cake."

Ellis and Associates conducts unannounced audits of water parks and their staff across the country, ensuring compliance and maintenance standards. Guards are monitored without their knowledge and then have to participate in mock emergency scenarios. It was during one such scenario that the Ellis auditor noticed Kendra Will's excellent leadership and decision-making skills.

"I have always felt confident as a lifeguard," Will said, "and I was excited when I won the award."

The twenty-one year old Will is an elementary and special education major at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. She has been a lifeguard for two summers and a competitive swimmer since the age of ten.

Br. Rice Football "Tailgate & BBQ"

On Saturday, August 23rd, the Brother Rice Athletic Boosters will be hosting a "Tailgate & BBQ" party before the varsity football team's annual intra-squad "Maroon vs. Orange" game. The party will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a cookout in the end zone of Joe Johnston Field, 99th & S. Pulaski Ave. in Chicago, followed by the game at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are $20 each, $30 per couple, and include food, beverages, a complimentary gift, and a chance to win a large-screen TV. Proceeds will benefit the Brother Rice Athletic Program.

For information contact Mike McShane at 773-429-4343 or mmcshane@brrice.chi.il.us

Hunters Productions to host business exposition

The Aspiring Entrepreneur and Computer Training Exposition is the first of its kind for Hunters Productions. Debra Hunter, an accountant for thirty years, has been preparing financial statements and tax returns for small business owners. She now believes that she, along with her colleagues, has accumulated such vast understanding of what it takes to start and stay in business, regardless of the economic climate. Thus the Aspiring Entrepreneur Exposition was born.

This exposition is geared to serve as a platform for new and existing businesses to successfully display their wares. The attendees will benefit by gaining access to the various products and services at nearly wholesale prices. There will be many workshops to enhance the new business owner.

The general public will benefit from attending this event by being able to enroll in 45 minute computer sessions. Also, 17 prizes will be awarded just for attending this exposition. Admission is $5.00 if you purchase your ticket in advance, and you can also purchase a ticket for $15.00 at the door.

The Aspiring Entrepreneur and Computer Training Exposition will take place on Saturday, September 20, 2003, from 7:00 am until 10:00 pm at the Tinley Park Convention Center and Hotel Center, located at 18500 South Harlem Avenue in Tinley Park.

For more information, contact Hunters Productions at (708)-418-1964, or visit www.mollyguard.com/event.6128330.

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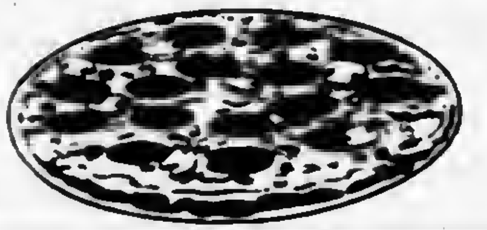

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Friends of Oak Lawn Library sponsors discussion groups

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 West 95th Street.

Short story discussions are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. They will meet September 10 to discuss "The Connor Girls" by Edna O'Brien and October 8 for "A Jury of Her Peers" by Susan Glaspell. Copies of these short stories may be picked up one month in advance at the Fiction Desk.

Book discussions are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. They will meet September 24 to discuss "Atonement" by Ian McEwan and October 22 for "House of Sand and Fog" by Andres Dubus III. Copies of these books may be checked out one month in advance at the Circulation Desk.

For more information, call Beth Baird at (708)-422-4933.

Health information next issue September 2nd

All signs point to Illinois this Fall

Looking for a picture perfect backdrop for your fall getaway? Then follow the roads in Illinois this fall to see and experience some of the Midwest's most picturesque spots. In Illinois, visitors can travel nearly every region of the state to take in breathtaking views on five national scenic byways: Great River Road, the National road, Ohio River Scenic Route, Meeting of the Great Rivers Byway and the Lincoln Highway. In addition, the state is home to several well known heritage trails and scenic drives including route 66 and Spoon River Valley Scenic Drive, as well as the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail for those who literally want a taste of fall.

Great River Road:

Breathtaking fall scenery and notable destinations line this scenic byway, which stretches more than 550 miles along the eastern shore of the Mississippi river. From East Dubuque in Northern Illinois to Cairo in the south, the Great River Road offers quick access to a number of Illinois state parks, such as the Mississippi Palisades State Park. Attractions along the scenic byway include Rock Island's Black Hawk State Historic Site, Quincy's historic 1800s homes and a series of rustic barns and scenic bluffs interspersed down to Alton.

For more information, contact the Illinois Department of Natural Resources at 217-782-6302 or on the website at http://dnr.state.il.us. Black Hawk State Historic Site at 309-788-9536, Quincy's Convention and visitors Bureau at 800-978-4748 or www.quincy-cvb.org and Alton at 800-258-6645 or www.altoncvb.org.

The National Road:

Follow settlers' footsteps along US 40 from Marshall near the Indiana border across the state to Collinsville. The route, named by the pioneers who first made their way through this 165-mile stretch, passes through fields and small farm towns. It is emblazoned with stately oaks and craggy maples which are eventually replaced by golden corn and lush soybean fields. The winding route is a great trip for those interested in quiet strolls along Midwestern Main Streets, visits to specialty shops including one of the largest antique malls in southeast Illinois in Greenup and tours of historic places such as the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site in Lerna.

For more information, contact the National Road Association at 800-772-0750 (www.effinghamil.com) or the Collinsville Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-289-2388 (www.discovercollinsville.com).

Ohio River Scenic Route:

The 200-mile drive follows the Ohio River south from Old Shawneetown to Cairo, winds through historic towns on the water's edge and passes parks filled with natural wonders such as Cave in rock, a 55-foot wide limestone cave carved by water thousands of years ago and the Garden of the Gods in the Shawnee National Forest.

For more information contact Cave in Rock State Park at 618-289-4325; Garden of the Gods State Park at 618-287-2201 or Southern Illinois Tourism Development Office at 618-998-9397 (www.adventure illinois.com).

Meeting of the Great Rivers Byway:

Bearing the footsteps of early voyagers including Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, the 55-mile Meeting of the Great Rivers Byway is located at the confluence of the Mississippi, Illinois and Missouri rivers. The byway stretches from Kampsville to Alton in southwest Illinois, and includes the historic towns of Elsah and Hartford, where Lewis and Clark departed 200 years ago on their famed expedition. Hartford is now home to the newly opened Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, which memorializes the national landmark with a 14,000 square foot facility and a replica of a 1800s keelboat.

For more information, contact the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center at 618-251-2800 ext. 15 (www.hartford illinois.net).

Lincoln Highway:

The 179-mile byway stretches across Northern Illinois connecting Lynwood with Fulton, showcasing the area's rich countryside of rivers and prairies. Highlights along the drive include Chicago Heights' 90-year old Arche Fountain, adorned with a giant penny; shows at Joliet's Rialto Theatre, an elaborate, vaudevillian movie palace and the charming neighborhoods and antiques in Geneva.

For more information, contact the Lincoln Highway Association at 815-456-3030 (www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org/info/il).

Other not to miss Illinois drives and tours include:

Shelby County Fall Color Tour:

Beginning at Eagle Creek Resort in Findlay near Lake Shelbyville, the tour continues through the Thompson Mill Covered Bridge in Cowden, one of only five covered bridges remaining in Illinois, to Moweaqua, an area known for its harvest stand, and antiquing. The Shelby County Fall Color Tour concludes in Sullivan, a treasure trove of Amish furniture and crafts.

For more information contact the Eagle Creek Resort at 217-756-3456 (www.eagle creekresort.com); Shelbyville Chamber of Commerce at 217-774-2221 (www.shelbyville.net); Thompson Mill Covered Bridge at 217-774-2244 and Central Illinois Tourism Development Office at 217-525-7980 (www.visit central illinois.com).

Knox County Scenic Drive:

The self guided Knox County Scenic Drive, taking place from October 3 - 5 and October 10 - 12, traverses through rural areas and small towns. Visitors will encounter two one room schoolhouses, four buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places, a log cabin dating back to 1832, chapels more than 100 years old and museums. Those who snap a captivating image along the drive can submit it to the 6th Annual Knox County Scenic Drive Photo Contest. Participants are judged in five categories, including best closeup, best fall colors, best country cookin', best living history and best overall.

For more information, contact Knox County Scenic Drive, Inc. at 309-343-2485 (http://home.grics.net/scenicdrive).

Spoon River Valley Scenic Drive:

Experience more than 130 miles of Western Illinois' tree covered rolling hills on a journey down the Spoon River Valley Scenic Drive. The 36th Annual fall Festival takes place October 4, 5, 11 and 12 throughout Fulton County and attracts 100,000 visitors annually. Among the many highlights along the scenic drive are old mill wheels, Dickson Mounds Museum and the Major Newton Walker home, where Abraham Lincoln spent time.

For more information, contact Spoon River Valley Scenic Associates, Inc. at 309-647-8980 (www.spoonriverdrive.org).

Route 66:

Historic Route 66 winds its way 295 miles southwest from Chicago through Illinois with a series of remarkable towns and attractions, offering memorable sights and events beyond the travel along the way.

Beginning in downtown Chicago at Lou Mitchell's Restaurant, the easternmost stop on the Mother Road, travelers can fuel up with a hearty pancake breakfast. Heading southwest to Wilmington, the 28 foot tall Gemini Giant, donning a space helmet, beckons visitors to a local favorite, the Launching Pad Drive-in. Other great attractions along the road are Bill Shea's Gas Station Museum and the Cozy Dog Drive-in, both in Springfield. Owner Bill Shea still greets visitors from around the world in his converted petrol station, now a gallery packed with vintage gas pumps, signs and route 66 memorabilia, as he has for more than four decades. Further down the road, the Cozy Dog Drive-in serves up their famous breaded hotdogs on a stick, dipped in a secret batter and deep fried.

Visitors traveling the famed Mother Road this fall will want to consider planning a trip in conjunction with Springfield's International Route 66 Mother Road Festival, September 26 - 28. The event offers five stages of live music, children's activities, a parade of more than 600 cars and an expo featuring travel information on 60 Central Illinois towns and attractions.

For more information, contact the International Route 66 Mother Road Festival at 866-RTE-66IL (www.route66fest.com) or the Central Illinois Tourism Development Office at 217-525-7980 (www.visitcentral illinois.com).

Shawnee Hills Wine Trail:

In addition to scenic drives and heritage pathways, Illinois also has its own wine trail, offering visitors the chance to taste, tour and shop through the southern part of the state. Beginning just south of Carbondale and looping past the rolling hills of the Shawnee National Forest, the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail includes the award winning wineries of Pomona, Von Jakob, Alto and Owl Creek. The Union County Colorfest, October 10 - 12, is a good time to visit Southern Illinois and sample the unique vintages, including a blueberry wine. Orchards and wineries throughout the county team up with local communities to offer visitors fall foliage tours and special events.

For more information, contact Alto Vineyards at 618-893-4898; Owl Creek Vineyard at 618-893-2557; Winghill Vineyard and Winery at 618-618-WINE; Von Jakob Vineyard at 618-893-4500 and Pomona Winery at 618-893-2623 or log onto www.shawneewinetrail.com

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Pictured: Kathryn E. Nowick and Walter Fronczek

Student receives Moraine Valley student life award

Kathryn E. Nowick, of Evergreen Park, receives congratulations from Walter Fronczek, assistant dean of Student Life and Judicial Affairs at Moraine Valley, for her selection as recipient of the 2003 Student Life Award for Excellence.

Library features exhibit

An exhibit of photographs taken by the Oak Lawn Camera Club will be on display at the Oak Lawn Public Library, located at 5300 West 95th Street, through the month of August.

Anybody who is interested in photography, age 16 years or up, is welcome to join the Oak Lawn Camera Club, sponsored by the Oak Lawn Park District. Meetings are held 7:00-10:00 p.m. on the first and second Tuesday of the month at Oakview Center, 4625 West 110th Street in Oak Lawn. Meetings consist of competitions, workshops, photo shoots and photography lectures. For additional information call (708) 857-2200.

For information about recurring exhibits, please call the Oak Lawn Public Library, Linda Giese, public relations officer at (708) 422-4990.

Finding Your Family Funny Bone

By Deb DiSandro

Stress in families today is at an all-time high for parents and children. [illegible] laughter and joy has taken a backseat to the "to do" list and "the necessities."

In my own home, we found that the pressure to succeed had sucked the fun right out of our family life. So together, we looked for ways to raise our FHQ (Family Humor Quotient). Here are some tips [illegible]

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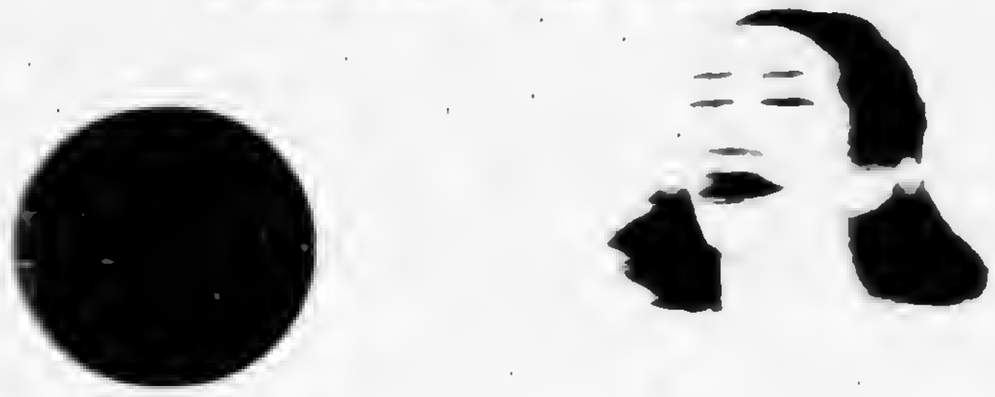

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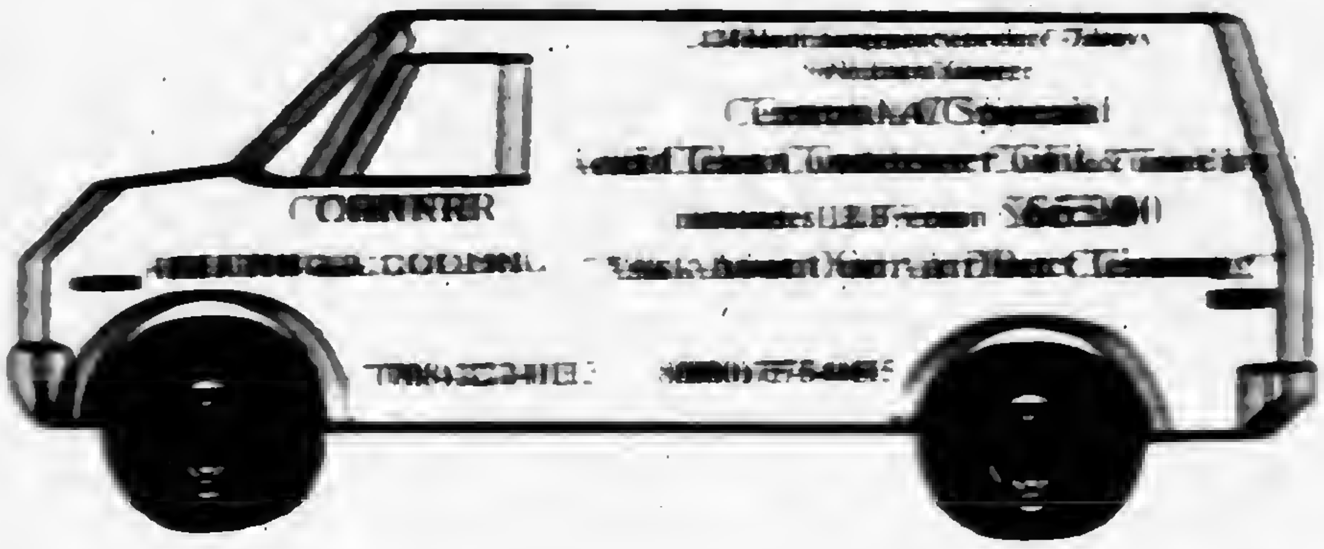

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Advocate Christ Medical Center makes the following announcements

Advocate Christ Medical Center, located at 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, has scheduled the following community classes and support meetings. To register or for more information, call Christ Medical Center's Health Advisor at 1-800-323-8622 (unless otherwise noted) and refer to code number listed.

Diabetic patient education class

Free outpatient diabetes education classes are offered in day and evening sessions at the diabetes/Endocrine Center located at the Advocate Christ Family Practice Center, located at 4140 Southwest Highway, Hometown. Individuals will receive in-depth education on Diabetes, glucose monitoring and prevention of complications, nutrition and exercise. Two-session day classes will be held the first Monday and Tuesday of the month from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm; two-session evening classes will be held the second Monday and Tuesday of the month from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Registration is required no later than the Friday before the sessions begin. Code: [illegible]D01

Post polio support group

A support group for polio survivors, their families and friends to explore and discuss issues regarding polio and post polio syndrome will meet at 7:30 pm the second Monday of the month in the medical center's Perez-Hopkins Auditorium. Meetings are free and family members and friends are welcome. No registration required.

Anorexia nervosa and associated disorders support group

A free support group for individuals who are suffering from an eating disorder will meet at 7:30 pm the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. For more information and location of meeting, please call 708-[illegible].

Alzheimer's support group

A free support group for families dealing with Alzheimer's and other diseases related to aging will meet at 6:30 pm the second Thursday of the month at the Evergreen Healthcare Center, located at 10124 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park. No registration is required. For more information contact [illegible] Kowalik, Director of resident services at 708-[illegible].

Easy breathers pulmonary support group

A free support group for individuals battling lung disease, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema, patients on oxygen or experiencing shortness of breath, will meet from 10:00 am to [illegible] am the third Monday of the month in the medical center's Perez-Hopkins Auditorium. No registration required.

Caring connection

Small group sessions for parents who have experienced the death of a child either through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death will meet at [illegible] pm the third Monday of the month in the medical center's Harbor Room. No registration required.

Congestive heart failure support group

A free support group for persons with congestive heart failure and their families will meet at 2:30 pm the third Tuesday of the month in the medical center's Four Season Room. No registration required. Code: [illegible]C06

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A [illegible] of the month in the medical center's Perez-Hopkins Auditorium B and C. No registration required. Code: CC15

Parents of children with special needs support group

A free support group for parents or caregivers of children with special needs including autism will meet to share information and concerns at noon the third Wednesday of the month in Room 2176 of Advocate Hope Children's Hospital. Code: [illegible]P09

Look good, feel better

A free workshop, provided by certified trained cosmetologists, teaches female cancer patients hands-on cosmetic techniques to help their appearance and self image during chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Women learn about makeup techniques, skin care, nail care and options related to hair loss, such as wigs, turbans and scarves. The program is held from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm the third Wednesday of the month in the medical center's Red Room. Code: [illegible]C17

Breast prosthesis display

This informative display provides women who have undergone mastectomy the opportunity to evaluate prosthesis options. Display session will be offered from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm the third Wednesday of the month in the medical center's Red Room. Code: [illegible]

Breast cancer support group

A free support group for women who have a history of breast cancer and their families will meet at 7:30 pm the third Wednesday of the month in the medical center's Red Room. No registration required. Code: [illegible]

Brachial plexus support group

A free support group for children and adults with a traumatic brachial plexus injury will meet at 7:00 pm the third Wednesday of the month in the [illegible] at Advocate Hope Children's Hospital.

P.O.P.S.: Pediatric oncology parents support

A free support group for parents or caregivers of children with cancer will meet at 7:30 pm the third Wednesday of the month in Room 2[illegible] of Advocate Hope Children's Hospital to support each other and help families of newly diagnosed children cope with their stress. No registration required. Code: P98

Arthritis support group

In partnership with the Illinois Arthritis Foundation, a free support and education group for individuals with arthritis and their families will meet at 1:00 pm the fourth Tuesday of the month at Peace Memorial Church, located at 10300 S. [illegible] Street, Palos Park. Please note this support group does not meet during the months of August or December.

Mall walkers program

As part of the Mall Walkers Program, Advocate Christ Medical Center offers free monthly lectures and occasional health screenings at Ford City Mall, located at 7601 S. Cicero Ave., at 9:00 am in the North Room the last Tuesday of the month. No programs held in June and July. Participation in the program is free and open to the public. Code: [illegible]

Senior exercise program

The physical therapy department of Advocate Christ Medical Center offers stretching and low impact exercise classes for seniors [illegible] Mondays and Wednesdays. Classes led by licensed physical [illegible] physical therapy gym [illegible]

Parents of children with autism support group

A free support group for parents or caregivers of children with autism will meet to share information and concerns at 7:00 pm the last Thursday of the month in Room 2176 of Advocate Hope Children's Hospital. Code: [illegible]P02

Babysitting classes

The staff of the newborn nursery offers babysitting classes periodically at Advocate Christ Medical Center. Open to boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 16, these sessions are offered from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm for a one-day class, or 8:00 am to noon for a two-day class. At this American Red Cross, participants learn to be responsible babysitters. Topics covered include child growth and development, accident prevention, basic first aid and the Heimlich maneuver. The cost is $25. Code: [illegible]P05. For next available class and to register, call Christ Medical Center's Health Advisor at 1-800-323-8622.

Healthcare provider CPR course

The [illegible] Center at Advocate Christ Medical Center offers CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation) classes every month. The medical center offers the "Healthcare Provider" course at a cost of $50 and participants must attend both sessions to become recognized as a CPR provider. Those requiring recertification need only attend the second session for $[illegible]. CPR card must be current and must be presented at class. Participants may purchase a [illegible] mouthpiece at class to be used to protect against communicable diseases when administering CPR. Registration is necessary as class sizes limited. Code: [illegible]. For information on the next available CPR class and to register, call Christ Medical Center's Health Advisor at 1-800-323-8622.

Emotions anonymous

A free 12-step program for people who have had or are having emotional difficulties meets from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm every Wednesday in the medical center's Park and Michigan Rooms and every Friday in the Harbor, Park and Michigan rooms. No registration required.

Overeaters anonymous

A free support group for people who are compulsive eaters meets every Wednesday from [illegible] am to noon in the medical center's Harbor Room. The only requirement for attendance is a desire to stop eating compulsively.

Specialized weight and conditioning program

The physical therapy department of Advocate Christ Medical Center offers an ongoing program designed to promote physical fitness for people who have experienced a permanent disability. Staff offers guidance in creating an independent wheelchair level exercise program using wheelchair accessible weight stations on consecutive Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes, led by a licensed physical therapist, are held from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the medical center's physical therapy gym, located at 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn. Cost is $3 per session or $24 for full 8 session program. For more information and to register, call Christ Medical Center's physical therapy department at 708-346-5425.

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The 90-minute show is a [illegible] stage [illegible] for children. Tickets are on sale now.

The show will be performed at the Star Plaza Theatre, located at 8001 Delaware Place, Merrillville, IN 46410. Website www.star[illegible].com.

Performances are as follows: Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7:00 pm; Friday, Sept. 26 at 7:00 pm; Saturday, Sept. 27 at 1:00 pm and 4:30 pm and Sunday, Sept. 28 at 1:00 pm and 4:30 pm.

Tickets are $16 and $22 premium. On opening night all seats (excluding premium) are $12. Additional discounts and/or charges may apply.

For more information and to order tickets by phone, please call the Star Plaza Theatre Box Office at 219-769-6600 or 773-734-7266. Tickets may also be purchased through Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com or by calling 312-559-1212.

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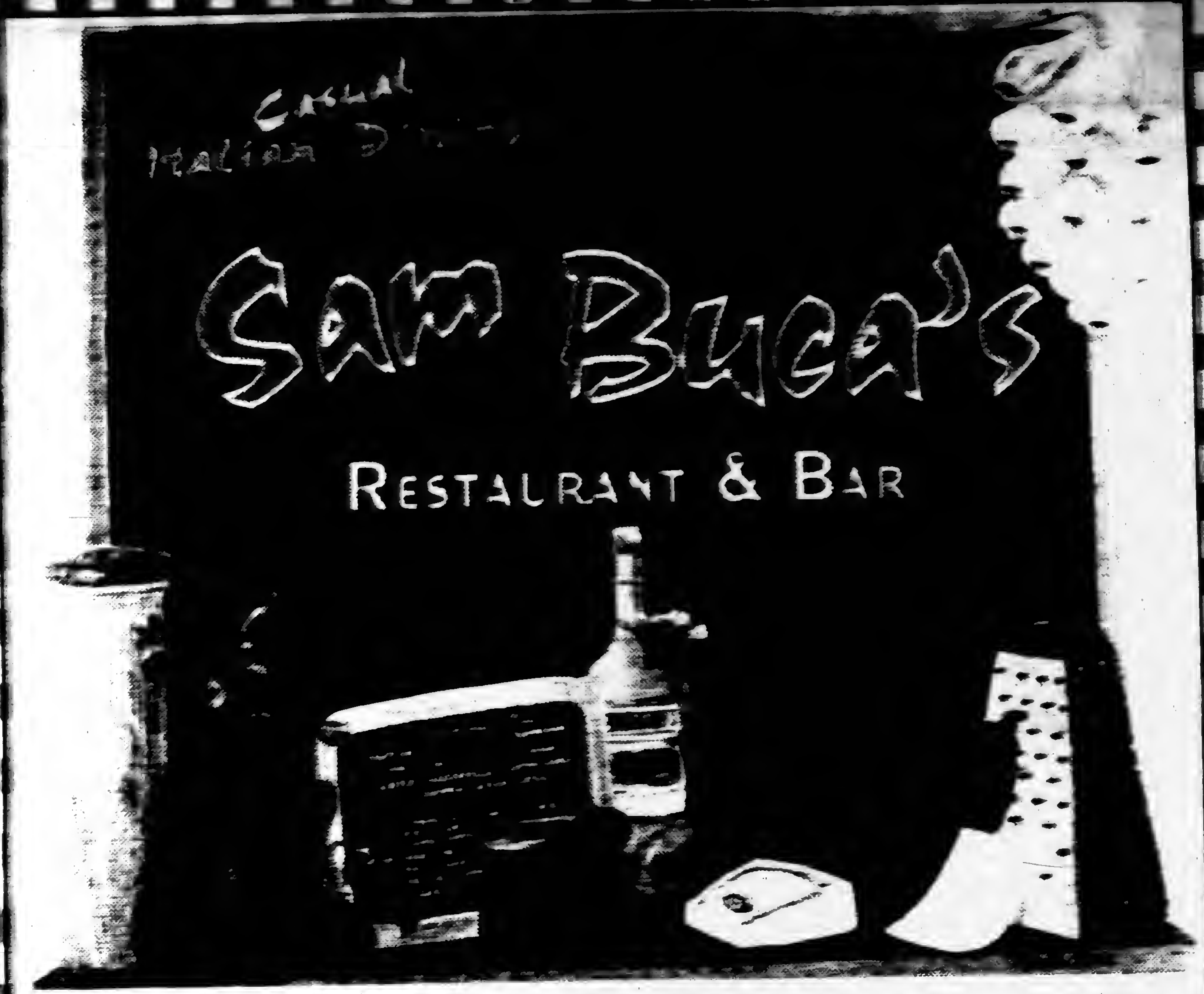
Swing 'n Sugar Squares Attend Illinois Convention

Jim and Vi Baker of Oak Lawn, John and Barb O'Connell of Plainfield, [illegible] of Highland and [illegible] Odle of Evergreen Park, all members of Swing'n Sugar Squares Square Dance Club, recently attended a [illegible] the first Illinois State convention to be held at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois.

Square dancers from all over the state of Illinois enjoyed dancing on the wonderful wood floors and to the music of some of the most outstanding callers in the Midwest. Square dancing is the official folk dance of Illinois.

Jim and Vi Baker are Presidents and John and Barb O'Connell are Vice Presidents of Metropolitan Chicago Association of Square Dancers, MCASD. MCASD has been requested by the [illegible] Congress to [illegible] square dance [illegible] Museum of Science and Industry on August 9 from 7:30-8:30 pm. All [illegible] are invited.

For more information, call Vi Baker at (708) 42[illegible] or Helen Hamilton at (773) [illegible].



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Tinley Park to Host 1st Annual Autumn Fine Arts Festival

For the first time ever, historic downtown Tinley Park along Oak Park Avenue will hold the Autumn Fine Arts Festival. On September 14, 2003, the event free to the public will include fine artists, entertainment and food.

The event will kickoff with a parade sponsored by the Tinley Park – Park District at noon from the new Central Middle School at approximately 181st and Oak Park Avenue. The parade, themed: "Autumn: A Season of Color" will travel North down Oak Park Avenue to festival grounds at the newly constructed Tinley Park Oak Park Avenue Metra commuter lot.*

From noon until 6PM fine artists from a variety of disciplines consisting of watercolors, pastels, oils, mosaics, stained glass, jewelry, pottery, and sculpture will display their works for purchase. Throughout the afternoon professional musicians can be heard on 2 stages including a dulcimer, violin quartet, slide guitarist, mariachi band, and an opera singer. The highlight of the musical performances promises to be the 100 children-member Suzuki Orchestra. The event will also feature a children's tent filled with hands-on arts related activities and entertainment– all free of charge. A wine tasting section is planned to complement the food vendors from local restaurants offering a variety of gourmet food and snacks for purchase.

This event is sponsored in part by the Village of Tinley Park, Oak Park Avenue Mainstreet Association (OPAMA), and local businesses. A portion of the sponsorship funds will be given to the Tinley Wish Foundation. For more information contact: Mary Rothenberg at 708.532.9879 or visit: www.tpafaf.com <http://www.tpafaf.com>

*Formerly known as the Tinley Park Oktoberfest Parade.

OPAMA is a non-profit organization comprised of local business owners dedicated to improving the merchant opportunities in Tinley Park. OPAMA does this by helping to maintain a beautiful "mainstreet" atmosphere, and by organizing and sponsoring multiple events for the enjoyment of locals and tourists alike.

Orland Park offers passport service

Passport applications and passport photos are available in the Mayor's Office of Special Services located on the lower level of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 Ravinia Avenue.

Applicants must provide an original birth certificate or a previous U.S. passport, proof of identity and two passport photos.

Appointments are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Passport photos are available for a fee of $7.00.

More information is available by calling the Mayor's Office of Special Services at (708) 403-6188.

Oak Forest unveils new era of openness

By David Vognar

It was lights, camera, and action at the Oak Forest city council meeting Tuesday, August 12, as the council convened under overhead mounted cameras set in place by the Oak Forest cable commission. The local cable outlet, OFCTV, now airs council proceeding for later viewing for area residents unable to attend meetings. Taping also serves a dual purpose of ensuring citizens that, in spite of the bad buzz ascribed to the city of late, the council is still on the up-and-up.

But the ushering in of new technology for council business is just one in a drove of changes for a city trying to shed an image of corruption spawned by the indictment of former Oak Forest Public Works superintendent Michael Feeley. Feeley, an erstwhile fixture in Oak Forest government, was accused in late July of bilking the city out of more than $375,000.

Oak Forest officials hope up-and-coming improvements will pave the way for a clean-slate era in a city whose image has been impugned in the press lately. Those improvements include the completion of a building annexation to city hall. Though bricks and mortar cannot fully wash clean the former inequities surrounding the city's administration, the city is hoping a new setting will at least assure that administrative tasks can be facilitated faster and more efficiently.

The new million-dollar add-on will house office space for city inspectors, a new office for the mayor and, if the desires of Alderman Gregory Simos come to fruition, will serve as a meeting place for aldermen to file reports and do research. During proceedings, the council voted to set aside room on the 2003-2004 city budget for the maintenance and furnishing fees for the new building addition.

Despite Simos's rhetoric, most members of the council railed against the prospect of individual alderman offices, and the possibility of a communal alderman research facility was tabled until the next meeting. The facility will most likely be operational by sometime in mid-September.

After a slew of resignations, submitted mostly for personal reasons, the city also focused on filling empty positions with mayoral appointments. Mayor Patrick Gordon appointed Paul Kirchdoerfer to the planning and zoning commission, Christine Doyle to the crime prevention commission, and Michael Keating to the civil service commission.

In a new segment to the meeting, entitled "Spotlight on Oak Forest Business," the council entertained a business prospectus from two Oak Forest businesses. The businesses, White Hen Pantry at 14717 S. Central Avenue and Java Connection at 15711 S. Cicero Avenue, had an opportunity to update the city on the progress of business in town, as well as advertise while the cable commission's cameras were rolling.

A bit fazed by the cameras, Lynn Haynes of White Hen informed the council that business was still looking up, despite the confusion caused by the construction on Central Avenue. White Hen, she told the council, is still accessible either northbound or southbound on Central. Haynes thanked the city for its support during the hectic construction period.

Laura Bratlien, representing Java Connection, thanked the city for embracing her unique establishment, part internet-café (with an espresso bar and 7 internet-linked computers) and part dine-in restaurant. The Java Connection is in the process of starting a book club in conjunction with the Oak Forest library.

Them Crazy Bones

Tina Schmidt-McNulty, Certified Exercise Specialist at Purdue University will discuss bone loss and what can be done to prevent osteoporosis Thursday, September 4 at 7:00 pm at the Tinley Park Public Library. Registration begins August 25 in person at the library or by phoning 532-0160 ext. 4. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

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TP Troupe holds auditions

The Tinley Park Theatre troupe will hold open auditions for the classic drama "Anastasia" by Guy Bolton at the Tinley Park Park District's Tony Bettenhousen Recreation Center, 8125 W. 171st Street, Tinley, on Sunday August 24, 2 to 7 pm, Monday, August 25, 7 to 9 pm, and callbacks if necessary on Tuesday, August 26, 7 to 9 pm. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. Roles are available for eight men and five women.

Perfomances will be presented Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, the weekends of October 17th through the 19th and October 24th through the 26th at the Audion Theatre located in Tinley Park High School. (This is not a student production) Call 773 / 238-1785 for more information.

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity
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TRAGEDY ON TROY AVENUE

The low rumbling sound in the sky brought neighbors out, curious to see what the commotion was all about. The ominous sight of three helicopters hovering above, gave reason to wonder just what in the world could be so serious as to warrant such media attention. Soon we had the answer. It wasn't a terrorist attack or major bank robbery, which is what crossed many minds. The horror that was unfolding hit much closer to home.

In a Mt. Greenwood neighborhood, as kids played ball in the street, and dads were out giving the lawn a quick trim before dinner, a father lay shot to death, in front of his own home, killed by his 14 year old son.

This is not the first time that news crews converged on this tight knit community. But this time their reporting would tell a ghastly tale that would leave a haunting question on all our minds: How could a kid kill a parent in cold blood? As soon as news of this atrocity became public, the stories began circulating with a frenzy. Some said the kid was a problem child, while others said they knew him as a quiet kid who never gave anybody any trouble. The same contradictions were said about the dad. Depending on who you talked to the dad was painted as kind and patient, but also there were hints that maybe he was too strict-bordering on abuse.

Being a parent that's what bothered me the most since news of this tragedy. Nobody knows for sure what goes on in the privacy of a family. Murder is a concept almost impossible to comprehend, and maybe it's human nature to try and rationalize what happened. Whenever a parent is murdered at the hands of a child we try to find an easy answer. Maybe the child was driven to it, pushed to the limit by an abusive parent. Or, maybe the parents were good, well-meaning people who did their best for an unruly child whose deep seated problems were out of their reach.

The newspapers reported that the boy from Mt. Greenwood premeditated his father's murder. As shocking as that is to imagine, it was also hard to read that this 14 year old showed up in court completely alone—no friends or family members beside him. I know it's not for any of us to judge, and nobody but the people involved can vouch for the reason things are handled the way they are. As a wife and mother my heart breaks for a man whose life was cut short, for a woman who lost her husband, and for a boy who obviously has issues and who will live with the reality of what he's done for the rest of his life.

We will never fully know what led up to the heinous crime committed on 111th Troy a few weeks ago. It is not for us to pass judgement on what we think 'could've' happened. When acts of violence happen, such as this, it reminds us that sometimes in life, when all hell breaks loose, all we can do is pray that justice is served.

My prayers are, of course, with the family for their tragic loss. But, there's a part of me that hurts for this young boy. I hope he'll get the help he so desperately needs and that someday he will be forgiven.

The end

Glass Cow Molds Worth Moolah

By Anita Gold

Q. Could you provide me with any information regarding a glass butter mold with a cow design, and tell me what it could possibly be worth? Georgia Marshall, Indianapolis, IN

A. Most of the buttermolds manufactured in the 19th century, were made of wood. The few that were made of glass were patented pieces manufactured in the last third of the century. Such examples are clear pressed or molded glass and are of the plunger type, consisting of a cylindrical cup-shaped glass piece and an inner round glass tamp attached to a wooden handle, that would move up and down through a hole at the top of the outer cylinder.

The most attractive feature of such glass butter molds is their designs that were incised or pressed into the glass tamp. When butter was packed into the glass cylinder and pushed out with the wooden plunger handle attached to the tamp, the butter was embossed with the mold's design. Some glass butter molds, were designed with a star motif, others had a fleur-de-lis, and still others (which are the most popular and sought-after examples) are designed with a figure of a standing cow. However, reproductions with the cow motif were made, and therefore can easily fool the unwary unless one knows how to spot an original.

Some genuine glass butter molds with the standing cow motif are embossed with the words "Bomer Pat. Apld. For" around the sides of the outer cylinder. Others that are authentic are embossed or marked with a patent date. Such examples are genuine, and although there are other genuine examples with the cow motif that are not marked with the name or patent date, their authenticity is questionable.

If you ever come across a glass butter mold with the cow design, and have difficulty distinguishing whether it's an original or a reproduction, here are some handy tips that'll help you decide. On some reproductions, the glass has a bit of a greenish tinge or tint, and when help up to the lightshows flawsand bubbles and has wavy and uneven surfaces to appear old-looking. (Genuine examples are of clear glass with no tinted color.) Also on some of the reproductions, the bottom edge of the outer cylinder is not perfectly round, and on some copies a somewhat pleated or scalloped area can be feltwhen the finger is run around the inside of the mold. (When you do the same thing to a genuine example, it should feel smooth.) The, too, the tops of some reproductions (when looking straight down on the mold's cup-shaped part) look pitted to appear old. A good clue is the wooden plunger handle (attached to the tamp) which on a genuine example is topped off by a nicely turned and rounded mushroom-shaped finial that's stained a honey-brown or butternut color. The handle on a reproduced example is of crude workmanship and of unfinished wood, and has a flat knob at the top. Then, too, the outer cylinder on some of the reproductions is somewhat shorter (measuring 2 7/8 inches high), while the originals are taller measuring 3-inches high). The value of a glass butter mold with a cow design, depends on its condition and markings. Original old examples in good condition with no cracks or chips in the glass, can command as much as $100 or $200 because of their scarcity. The nice thing about glass butter molds is that they can still be used and are easily cleaned afterwards, as most collectors do not particularly care to use old wooden types.

Q. An elderly neighbor recently moved into a retirement home, and left behind dozens of embossed brass planters, pots, and urns which once held plants and flowers, but are now covered with dirt and tar-like stains, spots, and streaks that are impossible to remove being kept in a damp flooded basement for a number of years. I've tried numerous brass polishes and other types of cleaning products, but the black stains and streaks won't budge. What (if anything) will clean such pieces? Gloria Peterson, Gary, IN

A. To restored the pieces to their original shine and watch them come to life as they glimmer and glow right before your eyes, use MAAS Metal Polish which has a powerful "wipe on wipe off" formula that instantly removes years of residue, rust, tarnish, and oxidation from all metals, and leaves a brilliant reflective long-lasting shine that can last for as long as a year or even longer. It is available in a large bottle for $9.95 plus $2.95 shipping from MAAS Polishing Systemes, Dept. D, P.O. Box 128, La Grange, IL 60525-0128. Also, to preserve and keep outdoor brass lanterns, lamps, and other metals exposed to harsh weather looking beautiful, use MAAS Metal Protector, Extreme Protection for all Metals, which has an anti-tarnish formula which applies super-strong long-lasting protection to all metals and more, available in a large tube for $9.95 plus $2.95 shipping from MAAS Polishing Systemes, Dept. D, P.O. Box 128, La Grange, IL 60525-0128..

Q. I have some old milk bottles including a green one, that belonged to my father. How can I find out more about them? Karen Lee Johnson, Green Bay, WI.

A. You'll find out everything you want to know about all types of milk bottles and related items, by subscribing to THE MILK ROUTE - Publication of The National Association of Milk Bottle Collectors, which offers an annual subscription for $20 sent to the National Association of Milk Bottle Collectors c/o Julian Gottlieb, 18 Pond Place, Cos Cob, CT 06807. Phone (203) 869-8411.E-mail: gottmilk @msn.com

Write Anita Gold, P.O. Box 597401, Chicago, IL 60659. Enclose a self- addressed stamped envelope with a copy of this column and the name of the paper in which it appears for a reply.

Secretary of State offers hints on traffic safety

Summer officially begins on June 21 and summertime heat and humidity will be here soon. Motorists are reminded that hot weather can strain engines and lead to vehicle malfunctions. With a little preventive maintenance, many warm weather car problems can be avoided. If your car does malfunction, know what to look for and how to correct it.

Q.: What preventative maintenace should be done?

A.: Inspect the coolant levels in the reservoir and in the radiator. If coolant is rustcolored, flush the system according to your owner's manual and fill it with a 50/50 mixture of anti-freeze and water. Inspect oil, air and fuel filters and replace them if they are dirty. Check belts and hoses for cracks and brittleness.

Q.: What are the symptoms of a malfunctioning cooling system?

A.: An illuminated temperature warning light, an engine gauge that reads "hot" or is in the red stage, steam rising from the engine, or coolant dripping under the car.

Q.: What should I do if these symptoms occur?

A.: Turn off the engine and open the hood to let the engine cool. Look for leaks in the radiation system and check the coolant level in the reservoir. Do not remove the radiator cap while the engine is hot!

If there are no apparent leaks, restart the engine with accessories off and turn the heater on high to draw heat away from the engine block. Apply the accelerator slightly above idle to circulate the coolant in the system. If it fails, turn the air conditioner on to increase coolant flow through the engine. If the temperature gauge still reads "hot", keep the hood open and wait about one hour for the engine to cool completely.

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News from Palos Hills

by Carlene E. O'Connor

The economy is not good business has slowed down for many retailers in Illinois in the last year. Layoffs are not uncommon. At the last meeting of the city council of Palos Hills Mayor Bennett said that many trucking firms may be leaving the state of Illinois. If that happens there will be a further downward trend.

Judy Baar Topinka the Chief Financial Officer for the state of Illinois wants to call for a special session of the general assembly to work on the budget.

There is a 1.5 billion in short term debt that has to be paid back this year and that the state is behind in making Medicaid payments. Also the 300 million rainy day fund is gone.

Topinka is ready to draw a hard line and make cuts. She wants to take action as soon as possible.

It appears this is necessary or taxes will be raised.

On a happier note, Governor Blagojevich invited everyone to the state fair in Springfield, Aug. 8-17. Come join him and his family.

Palos Hills Senior Services

by Carlene O'Connor

Attention all seniors! The city of Palos hills offers many services and attractions to its residents.

There are two senior clubs to join. They are open to anyone 62+. Meetings are held at the community center 8455 W. 103rd Street. These are New Horizons Senior Club and Palos Hills 39ers Club. Events are held regularly.

Plows council on Aging is a wonderful program that offers services for seniors by delivering meals to homebounds and by helping people with the preparation of government forms to get local programs. If you need assistance, call 433-6722.

If you need a ride, the Pace Bus is available from 8:30-2:30 by appointment. Call 430-4500. Other services include Plows Medical Escort Service 361-0291 or Dial a Ride, 917-4357.

Everyone knows the high cost of medicine. Now there are Mfgs Card, State program and internet site. To learn more about these options, contact someone in community services.

If you need a will, the Community Service Office also offers a special rate to senior for simple will, Durable power of attorney for property and Health Care of attorney, through Delaney Law Offices.

For great entertainment, Palos Hills is offering at the town square: September 23rd, Bob West (Elvis)!!!!! and October 7th: Al Caver!!!!!

If weather is bad, it will be held inside the community center and the best part is that these concerts are FREE!!!

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Chicago Ridge has new Police Commander

By Matt Mayer

At the August 5th Chicago Ridge Board Meeting, Deputy Clerk Marlene Bergan, performed the swearing in of 24 year Chicago Ridge Police Department veteran, Tom Erwinski, who was promoted to the position of Police Commander. He will be the afternoon shift commander .

The board denied a business license for a home based business at 10408 S Ridgeland Ave - which would provide customer service support - via telephone calls only - for Comtel USA, which is based in New Jersey. The request was denied due to the property being zoned residential.

The board approved a block party request to be held on August 10th from 3 to 10:00 p.m. from 11037 to 11044 Menard Ave., encompassing Jenny's Steak House. A request for a block party to be held September 13th from 2 to 10:00 p.m. in the 10900 block of Parkside Ave was also approved.

The board approve a contract from Marking Specialists in the amount of $2,425.60 perform the striping of the left turn lane at the fire station. The board approved a request from Village Engineer, Dr. Chris Burke, to waive the bidding process and awarded a contract to Crest & Son for a side walk project over the railroad tracks at 107th and Central Ave. This is a joint venture with Oak Lawn - Chicago Ridge will pay $88,000 and Oak Lawn will pay $65,000 for their portion - both villages have the same contractor.

The board approved a request from the Public Works Department to purchase a truck chassis from State Purchasing in the amount of $40,845 to replace one of their vehicles.

Mayor Eugene Siegel reported that Chili's was slated to open in September at the Mall followed shortly after by Bed Bath and Beyond.

Moraine Valley is in search of sponsors for golf outing

The Moraine Valley Community College Foundation will host its 22nd annual golf outing on Friday, Sept. 5, at the Gleneagles Country Club, located at 13070 McCarthy Road, Lemont. Proceedes from the event will help fund the Foundation's scholarship program, as well as other educational programs at the college.

The Moraine Valley Foundation's annual golf outing provides many opportunities for community participation and support through various levels of sponsorship and underwriting opportunities. All sponsors will receive recognition on the course, in the clubhouse and in the program. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law and will be acknowledged with an official gift receipt and letter. Sponsorship opportunities include:

Event Sponsor - $5,000, your company's name and logo will appear on the event's welcome sign and you will have the opportunity to distribute goodie bags with your company's promotional materials to each golfer.

Golf Cart Sponsor - $1,500, a sleeve of golf balls imprinted with your company's name and logo, along with the Moraine Valley Foundation logo, will be distributed to each golfer.

Bag Towel Sponsor - $1,200, a velour bag towel silk screened with your company's logo (in one color) will be distributed to each golfer.

Hole Foursome Sponsor - $725, promote your company with a customized sign at the tee box of your hole and pay for a foursome to golf.

Halfway House Sponsor - $600, underwrite the cost of one refreshment stand ticket per golfer and volunteer.

Hole in one Sponsor - $500, underwrite the cost of the following prizes at the par 3 holes: $10,000; a five day, four night cruise for two; a brand new complete set of Top Flight XL2000 irons and a one year's supply of Top Flight XL2000 golf balls (52 dozen).

Photography Sponsor - $300, underwrite the cost of providing one souvenir foursome photograph to each golfer in the foursome.

Prize Donor, contribute prizes, promotional items or gift certificates for the raffle, or donate cash to purchase give aways.

For more information about sponsorship, call the Moraine Valley Foundation at (708) 974-5740.

For news media inquiries, call Marianne Naughton, public relations specialist, at (708) 974-5281 or e-mail her at naughton@moraine valley.edu.

Palos Resident recognized

Palos Hill resident Gary King was recently honored by Oak Brook-based Elkay Manufacturing Company with an employee excellence award.

More than 100 Elkay employees received Gold, Silver and Bronze awards in six categories as part of the company's recent 2002 Achieving Competitive Excellence annual division recognition program.

The company's first annual division recognition program drew 77 nominations, which cited contributions and programs that were substantially completed during the 2002 calendar year.

For more than 80 years, Elkay Mfg. Company has been an innovative manufacturer of stainless steel sinks, water coolers, drinking fountains, water filtration products and faucets for residential and commercial use.

For more information contact Elkay, at (630) 574-8484, or visit their Web site at elkay.com.

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EVERGREEN PARK INCREASES POLICE PATROLS

By Matt Mayer

The August 18th Evergreen Park Board meeting commenced with Mayor James Sexton announcing that with the schools reopening the Police Chief will resume his roving groups of officers in the surrounding school areas - enforcing the stop signs and speed limits - violators will be ticketed.

Sexton reported that he had received a letter from a lady who will remain anonymous from the 9700 block around Mallard Ave, Central Park Ave., in regards to children walking to and from the parks at night. Sexton stated he and the police chief discussed the concerns of some of the elderly - in regards to the number of children that are walking the streets at night. Sexton stated that he has watched them and doesn't believe there into too much mischief. Along with Sexton bringing this to the attention of the Police Chief, he also asked the Chief totighten up on the curfews.

The board approved a business regulation request for National Parts and Equipment, an office for ordering parts for sale at 9500 S. Avers Ave., Suite 9. The board also approved a motion to table a request for a business regulation certificate for Harold's Chicken, a carry out restaurant, to be located at 2829 W. 87th Street, so the building commission can talk to the applicant regarding critical issues such as the apartments above the store front in regards to ventilation. The board also approved a request from the AAA Chicago Motor Club requesting the board to proclaim the week of August 25-29 as "Schools Open Safety Week".

Mayor Sexton awarded a letter of recognition to Kolade Agbaje Williams, who was named All American in long jump, in both indoor where he placed 6th and outdoor where he placed 8th, at the track and field championship. Williams is a graduate of Evergreen Park High School and attends Lawrence College in Wisconsin.

Village Engineer Tim Klass reported that the 95th and Western Ave project was progressing well and that the streetscaping bid between Western and Campbell Ave from Vixen Construction was accepted. The Plaza and Standard Bank will fund this project.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screenings at the Village of Oak Lawn Farmer's Market, one block south of 95th Street between 52nd and Cook Avenues, on Wednesday, September 10 at 8 am to 12 noon. Screenings will resume at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., on the second Wednesday of most months, October 8 at 1 pm to 3 pm, in the lower level meeting room.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Advocate Christ Medical Center. Their mission is to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses, schools and the community. The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

For additional information, call 708 346-3289, or visit their web site www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.com.

Casting Call

The Oak Lawn Park District Theatre group has announced a casting call for its fall production of Victor Victoria. Auditions will be held on Monday, Sept. 8, and Tuesday, Sept. 9, from 7:30 pm to 10 pm.

Executive Producer Paul Nirchi of Orland Park is looking to cast 40 individuals ages 16 and up. Rehearsals for those cast will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm and on Sundays from 6 pm to 10 pm.

After months of rehearsals, Victor/Victoria will run at the Oak View Center for two continuous weekends: Nov. 14-16 and Nov. 20-23. Thursday through Saturday shows will begin at 8 pm; Sunday shows will be at 3 pm.

In addition to Nirchi, the show's production staff includes: Frank Fett, producer; Dave Heilmann, director; Bill Walters, assistant director; Melanie Hermann, choreographer; Diane Madden, music director; Bill Hansen, conductor; and Gil Oliva, lighting and set designer. Executive producers of the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre are Paul Nirchi and Dave Heilmann.

Tickets for the November shows are now on sale at the Oak View Center. Prices are $17 for adults and $16 for seniors and children. For more information on the audition or the production, call the Oak Lawn Park District at 708 857-2200 or e-mail theatre@olparks.com.

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OL Chamber holds luncheon

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas will be the guest speaker at the next monthly luncheon of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, September 9 at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. Networking begins at 11:30 am, luch at noon. For reservations, call 708 424-8300

Evergreen to hold 1st "Bike the Park"

In an effort to promote healthy living and a healthy environment in Evergreen Park, Mayor James Sexton is pleased to announce the first annual Bike the Park on Saturday, September 6 from 1 am to 9 am. All village departments from Fire, Police Recreation, as well as Healthier Evergreen and Little Company of Mary are busy working to make this event a fun one as well as a learning experience. In addition, by registering for the event, a person would be eligible to win a gift certificate to Park Schwinn Cyclery complements of the Northwest Booster.

There will be two rides, a 5k or 10k ride starting at Klein Park, 97th & Homan. Helmets must be worn at all times and will be available for purchase the day of the ride. The cost is $5 fort a single cyclist and $10 for family cyclists. There is registration the day of the event at a cost of $7 for a single and $12 for a family.

Registration forms are available at the Recreation Department or at the Village Hall. You may also download a form off our web site www.evergreenpark-ill.com.

Best of all, the proceeds from this ride will benefit the Village Pantry. So come out and ride for exercise and ride for a good cause.

Midnight Volleyball

Volleyball fanatics can stay up late and keep on spiking until the early morning hours during the Oak Lawn Park District's inaugural Midnight Mayhem Co-Ed volleyball Tournament on Saturday, September 20, at the Community Pavilion (9401 S. Oak Park Ave.) in Oak Lawn.

Games will begin at 8 pm and last throughout the evening for teams made up of male and female players ages 18 years and older. Teams will be guaranteed to play at least six games. Cash awards will be given to first-place teams in each division; second-place teams will receive T-Shirts. Divisions are: recreational, competitive and power (featuring players with a U.S.A. Volleyball rating of BB or higher).

U.S.A. Volleyball rules will be used during the games. Registration is being accepted at the Community Pavilion only. Fee is $100 per team; the sign-up deadline is Wednesday, September 10. For more information, please call 708 / 857-2420 or e-mail pavilion@olparks.com.

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Blake-Lamb/ Becvar Funeral Home buries Homeless Veteran

On Tuesday, August 19th, Warren C. Esterdahl, a homeless Navy veteran was buried from Blake-Lamb/ Becvar Funeral Home at 11201 S. Harlem in Worth. In attendance were Richard Bailey, Assistant Director for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Honorable Fred Davidson III, Former Undersecretary of the U.S. Navy, William Hudson, Junior Vice Commander for the American Legion, First Division, Illinois, Lt. Col. James O'Rourke, Military Affairs Coordinator, Marine Corps League Burbank, Illinois, VFW Posts # 177, #5220 and #2770, Palos Memorial American Legion Post #[illegible], Evergreen Park American Legion Post [illegible], the Honorable Edward Guzdziol, Mayor of Worth, and members of the Navy.

The Homeless Veterans Burial Program is a cooperative effort among federal, state and local agencies including the Veterans service organizations in the Chicagoland area that provide a dignified and honorable military burial service for homeless and indigent veterans. These ceremonies are organized and carried out by Dignity Memorial funeral and cemetery providers.

Service Corporation International, Inc (SCI) provides the funding for this project. The funeral homes involved in this service work with the local Veterans affairs offices, coroner's offices, medical examiners, county officials and national cemeteries. The flag that draped Mr. Esterdahl's casket was presented to Mayor Guzdziol and will fly at the Veteran's Memorial in Worth, Illinois. Mr. Esterdahl was interred at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

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Veteran's affairs seminar

A Presentation on Service Connected Disability, Compensation and Non-Service Connected Pension Benefits

The Village of Orland Park Mayor's Office of Special Services will sponsor a Veterans' Affairs presentation on Service Connected Disability, Compensation and Non-Service Connected Pension Benefits on Thursday, September 25, 2003 at 7:00 pm at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue.

John Heinz, VA Regional Office Veterans' Benefits Counselor, will lead a special question and answer session on veterans' disability and pension benefits.

For more information, please call the Mayor's Office of Special Services at 708-403-6188.

McDonald Linn hosts activities

McDonald Linn Chicago Ridge VFW Post 1177, 10537 S. Ridgeland, announces the following:

September 4th from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm, the monthly meeting will be held with a complete spaghetti dinner. Desert, Coffee, tea or soda is included. Special drink prices are also available. Customers have a chance to win a free dinner for two.

There will be a White Sox bus trip on September 5th, leaving the post at 5:45 pm. Cost is $30, including game ticket, bus, refreshments on bus, sandwiches on return to post.

A benefit will be held for the Dowling family on September 20th from 7:00 pm to 12:00 am. Please come out and help this needy family.

There will be a Steak Fry on September 28th from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the post hall. A complete steak dinner with dessert and coffee or tea at a cost of $[illegible] per person, steaks cooked to your liking. Planning your ticket ahead of time. Limited tickets available at the door. Unfortunately we had to turn down people at the door last time. Get your tickets now!

The October monthly spaghetti meeting will be on the 2nd from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm. It will be a complete spaghetti dinner with dessert, coffee, or tea and soda. A raffle for 2 free dinners will be held.

Saturday, October 11th, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, there will be a Flea Market. Table rental is $10 inside, $15 outside.

Call Pat at 1-708-636-3220, between 9:30 am to 11:00 pm, for more information.

News from the Military

Air National Guard 1st Class Christopher R. Haydock has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies, performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Bob Haydock of Evergreen Park. Haydock is a 2002 graduate of Evergreen Park Community High School.

Air Force Airman Christopher R. Weeks has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He received the same basic training as Airman Haydock and is eligible to receive the same credit toward an associate degree.

Weeks is the son of Susan Weeks of Chicago, and grandson of James Gibson of Oak Park.

He is a 2002 graduate of St. Joseph High School of Westchester, Ill.

Army Pvt. Matthew A. Case has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the nine week training, the trainee received instruction in chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions and core values.

Case is the nephew of Nancy Brettman of Evergreen Park, and brother of Elizabeth Casper of Bloomington, Ill.

He is a 1992 graduate of Evergreen Park High School.

Army Reserve Pfc. Daniel P. Whiting has graduated from the light-wheel vehicle mechanic advanced individual training (AIT) course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

The student was trained to perform maintenance, troubleshoot, and repair wheeled vehicles and related mechanical components, including suspension systems, internal combustion engines and power trains, wheel hub assemblies, hydraulic brake and steering systems, and operate a wheeled vehicle crane, hoist, and winch assemblies.

Whiting is the son of John and Ronald S. Whiting of Oak Lawn. He is a 1997 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

Marine Corps Pvt. Angelo Mandile, son of Guiliana and Angelo Mandile of Chicago recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego designed to challenge recruits both physically and mentally.

Mandile began his training [illegible] by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Mandile spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

Mandile and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean personally and in professional conduct.

Mandile ended the training phase with a 54-hour team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony where he was presented the Marine Corps Emblem and addressed as "Marine" for the first time in his career.

Mandile is a 2003 graduate of St. Laurence High School of Burbank.

Navy Seaman Jennifer M. Lotts, a 2002 graduate of Queen of Peace High School, Burbank, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Lotts completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the key skills and confidence they need to graduate and take to the fleet. It was designed to give [illegible] the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

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Local wound care center advances treatment in Diabetes care

Key advantage is comprehensive treatment plan

Diabetes is reaching epidemic proportions in the United States, according to the American Diabetes Association. In Indiana, this chronic disease was estimated to affect 6 to 6% of the population in 2000, having grown from 4 to 6% just since 1995.

Some say this epidemic threatens to overwhelm the healthcare system resulting in a decline in the quality of patient care. At Saint Margaret Mercy Healthcare Centers, they decided to challenge that trend. A major complication of diabetes is wounds that just won't heal. The Wound Healing & Prevention Institute has a multidisciplinary team of medical professionals who develop an individual comprehensive treatment plan for each patient. Physicians and surgeons, nutritionists, wound specialist registered nurses and technicians focus their expertise on healing patients' wounds.

Dr. William Wood, Board certified podiatric surgeon on staff at Saint Margaret Mercy, says, "We have the opportunity to treat patients with problem wounds of all kinds, applying new research and giving our patients access to the newest wound healing therapies. And we are seeing positive results, in large part due to our comprehensive approach to each patient."

One innovative treatment option for patients with diabetic foot ulcers is Dermagraft®, a tissue-engineered living dermal substitute designed for diabetic foot ulcers that will not heal. "Dermagraft, along with other wound healing therapies and products are part of the comprehensive treatment plan developed for each patient," according to Dr. Wood.

"Our patients have seen dramatic progress, so we are anxious to make these treatments available to all patients in the area with these difficult to heal wounds," says Dr. [illegible], Board certified orthopedic surgeon and staff member at Saint Margaret Mercy.

For more information, call the Wound Healing & Prevention Institute at 219-933-2666.

Toothbrushing Too Hard, & Long is Too Much of a Good Thing

When the dentist told Tina Valeis that her gums were receding near her back teeth, the news came as a surprise to the 33-year-old. After a lifetime of perfect dental checkups without a single cavity, Tina thought she was doing all the right things. So what was the problem? She was overbrushing – applying too much pressure and brushing longer than necessary.

"You're not doing your teeth and gums any favors by brushing too hard or too long," said Scott Navarro, an oral health adviser for Delta Dental Plans Association. "Over time, improper brushing can damage gums and wear down teeth."

Brushing too vigorously erodes tooth structure and causes gums to recede, leading to sensitive teeth and exposure of the root area. Severely receded gumlines may require gum grafts or other procedures to repair damage caused by long-term overbrushing.

What do dentists recommend to avoid toothbrush troubles? Dr. Navarro urges all patients to brush at least twice daily for about three minutes with a soft-bristled toothbrush, especially after meals. Hold the brush at a 45 degree angle to the teeth and use small, gentle circular movements to get at all of the plaque. Holding the brush with a pen or pencil grip alleviates possible undue forces and allows for more precision in maintaining the correct angle and motion. Paired with daily flossing and regular visits to the dentist, a proper brushing technique will help keep teeth and gums healthy.

As for finding the right toothbrush, Dr. Navarro suggests using a brush with the softest bristles available and replacing it every three months to avoid bacteria buildup. Beyond that, it's a matter of personal preference: whether you choose a toothbrush with an angled head, battery power, special handle or other features, as long as you're able to reach all of the surfaces of the teeth.

"Talk to your dentist or hygienist, especially if you begin to experience any pain or tooth sensitivity," said Dr. Navarro. "He or she can check out your technique and let you know if you're applying the right amount of pressure."

Based in Oak Brook, IL, Delta Dental Plans Association is a national network of independently operated not-for-profit dental service corporations specializing in providing dental benefits programs to 43 million Americans in more than 75,000 employer groups throughout the country.

8th annual Senior Expo to be held

Everyone needs help with the often tricky terrain of caring for an aging loved one. Now, a panel of experts and an opportunity to talk one-on-one with agencies offers all the answers at "The Mystery of Caregiving Unveiled" seminar at 6:30 pm Tuesday, September 2nd at the Drury Lane Theatre & Conference Center, 100 Drury Lane in Oak Brook Terrace. This vital seminar is free to attend!

This is part of the 8th Annual Senior Lifestyle Expo coming Wednesday and Thursday, September 3 and 4, from 9 am to 3 pm at the same location. Presented by the Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging, the two-day festival will have activities, exhibits, games and entertainment. The Expo supports the Holiday Meals on Wheels Program, which purchases nutritious meals for vulnerable elders on holidays and weekends when the weekday program is closed.

Tickets to the Expo are $3 at the door or $2 in advance for groups of 10 or more. Parking is free and handicapped accessible and reasonably priced sandwiches, salads and chips and cookies are available on site.

For more information, please call 800-528-2000 or 630-293-5990 or visit us online at www.seniorlifestyle.org.

Free Tickets available

Smart seniors are stopping in at Sonus Hearing Care Professionals for free tickets to the 8th annual Senior Lifestyle Expo coming Wednesday and Thursday, September 3 and 4, from 9 am to 3 pm at the Drury Lane Theatre & Conference Center, 100 Drury Lane in Oak Brook Terrace.

Eleven Sonus locations including the one in Oak Lawn, are offering free admission tickets to the Expo. Two tickets per person are available by stopping by the nearest Sonus location. Please call 1-800-HEARING for the Sonus location near you. Sonus is a sponsor of Senior Lifestyle Expo.

Hospicelink helps people

Hospicelink helps people seeking information and education about hospice care, and makes referrals to hospices in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The national toll-free telephone number is 1-800-331-1620. Hospicelink is a service of the Hospice Education Institute, an independent non-profit organization founded in 1985. There is no charge for any of its services. Since taking its first call in 1986, Hospicelink has helped literally hundreds of thousands of people in facing the challenges of coping with end-of-life issues.

Over 3,000 local hospices all across the United States care for people as life draws to its close. Good hospice care affirms and cherishes life, helping patients and their loved ones live each day to its fullest. Hospice care neither shortens nor lengthens life. It is a dignified and gentle way of caring for people.

When cure is no longer possible, and length of life is limited, hospices give expert care. Hospice nurses and doctors know the simplest and best ways to relieve symptoms, especially those causing pain.

Specially trained teams of professionals and community volunteers offer medical and nursing care, hands-on practical assistance, and emotional and spiritual support when expected, including bereavement support after the patient's death. Hospice care empowers patients and families to choose the type of care they want, in the place where they want to be.

While hospices prefer to give care at home, help can also be given in many hospitals, nursing homes, and in special hospice in-patient homes. Medicare and most private health insurance plans include hospice care as a covered benefit.

For more information about Hospice Education Institute, Hospicelink, the Small Gift Program, the cooperative Education grants, seminars on hospice and palliative care and publications appropriate for both health care professionals and the public, please call 800-331-1620 or 207-255-8800. E-mail the organization at hospiceall@aol.com, or write to Three Unity Square, P.O. Box 98, Machiasport, Maine 04655-0098. Hospice lines are open from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm weekday, Eastern Time.

Free prescription drugs available

Is your medication too expensive for your budget? If so, information in a new booklet might help.

The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, DC has just published a 48-page booklet, "Free & Low Cost Prescription Drugs". The revised sixth edition booklet gives information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs.

"We've published an A to Z listing of all the drugs that are available through patient assistance programs for free or at very low cost directly from the manufacturer," says Gary Nave, Director of The Institute.

Consumers can receive a copy by sending $5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Booklet #PD-081503, Box 210, Dallas, PA 18612-0210. Consumers can also get more information from The Institute's Internet web site: www.institute-dc.org.

New filter aids in heart procedure

A first-of-its-kind filter device that blocks the movement of damaging blood clots to the heart muscle, while still allowing blood to flow through, is being used by cardiologists at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, to protect patients during procedures to open clogged heart-bypass veins.

In fact, the medical center recently became the first hospital in Illinois and the second institution in the United States to use the filter, following the device's approval in June by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

The filter was developed specifically for application in heart bypass veins that have become clogged after years of use. In heart bypass surgery, taking a vein from a patient's leg and placing it into the heart arteries to bypass a diseased heart artery is a standard practice. However, these transplanted veins eventually can become clogged within five to 15 years after bypass surgery.

Large cholesterol plaques and blood clots are often present in clogged bypass veins. These clots pose a special danger to the patient during a procedure to reopen the vein because pieces of the clot and the cholesterol plaques can break away and float further downstream, causing a new blockage elsewhere in the heart and potentially precipitating a heart attack in the patient.

The advantage of the novel filter device is that, when placed temporarily in the diseased vein while the physician works, it allows blood to continue flowing through it to the heart while at the same time trapping any blood clots or cholesterol fragments that may be present.

The new device is designed to significantly reduce risk to the patient, while improving clinical outcomes.

All invited to picnic

The Oak Lawn Lighthouse will hold it's annual "Fun in the Park" outreach picnic on Saturday, September 6th at Wolfe Wildlife Center at 109th & Laramie in Oak Lawn, from noon-3 pm. There will be no charge for anyone, including guests, but there will be a freewill offering. The menu will depend on our friends and the food donations brought.

This is the fourth year for the picnic. New Creations will be there to minister in song along with Damaris Kuck and her mime troupe. Tickles the Clown & Wrinkles will make an appearance. Each child will receive a gift and have the chance to get their face painted and play games. Adults can participate in the raffle and there will be items for sale. Information will be available on upcoming dinner meetings.

If you would like to help or get more information, please call Linda at 708/425-6957 or Gladys at 773/582-1517. Gather your friends, neighbors and family to share in this special day.

Aglow International is an interdenominational organization of renewed Christian women. Aglow consists of over 2,6000 fellowships which regularly hold meetings, retreats, and conferences on six continents. Aglow spans the globe publishing leadership training materials, books, tracts, and holding bible studies, reaching out women in prisons and hospitals, teenage girls, has intercessory prayer groups, and support groups.

On Track Singles announces events

September 8th, Monday, will be our general meeting/planning meeting at 7:30 pm.

First, we'll meet at St. Mary's Duggan Hall off the North parking lot. We'll go over the upcoming events, get ideas for new things to do, and sign up for the events already planned. Then we'll head on over to the new Giordano's Restaurant on 63rd Street and Cicero (SW corner) for food and drink. While we eat, all are welcome to help plan the next two months' activities. Contact John Bubeck at 773-585-8242 for more information and to let us know who will go to the restaurant. Note: tickets for Victor Victoria MUST be purchased by this date!

September 13th, Saturday, is the Empress Casino at 6:00 pm.

Feeling lucky? Join us for a run of luck (good we hope!) at the Empress Casino in Joliet. We leave St. Mary's south parking lot promptly at 6 P.M. (Drivers are needed obviously!). For more info or to register, call Mark at 773-927-5587. Dinner is TBA.

November 22nd, Saturday, will be Dinner + Theater at 4:30 pm.

Catch Victor Victoria at the Oak View Theater. We leave St. Mary's south parking lot promptly at 4:30 P.M. Dinner will be at Nino's on 111th and Cicero. Tickets are $17 each and MUST be purchased by September 8th! For more info, call Lucy Stevens at 773-778-8239 after 7 P.M. or call Steve Doyle at 708-288-9402 or e-mail at sdoyle77@yahoo.com.

Crafters Welcome

Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt Ave., (two blocks west of Cicero) Oak Lawn, will hold its Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 8, from 9 am to 3 pm. In addition to professional crafters, there will be a bake sale, raffle, white elephant sale, and the ever popular Christmas Room. A number of Trinity women have worked all year producing beautiful Christmas and Fall items. Luncheon food, snacks, and candy will be available all day.

Community residents and their friends are invited to spend time at Trinity during the sale on November 8. There is still space available for a few more crafters. Latecomers will be most welcome to join with the crafters previously signed up. Table space is $25 per table. If interested, contact the church office at 708/422-0193.

Meeting changes

The Board of Trustees of the Green Hills Public Library, 8611 W. 103rd Street, Palos Hills, has changed the date of the September Regualar Meeting. That meeting will be held immediately following a public hearing on the 2003-2004 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 pm. Please note the change.

New Officers Announced

The new officers of the St. Rita Mother's Club for the upcoming school year are as follows: President- Maureen Wagner; Vice President- Peggy Brooks; Corresponding Secretary- Therese Fitzgibbon; Recording Secretary- Laura Benson; Treasurer- Laura Carpenter; Alumni Representative- Shelle Pechulis; Senior Representative- Paula Hutchinson; Junior Representative- Florence O'Leary & Mary Beth White; Sophomore Representative- Margaret Godinez & Annette Ricca; Freshman Representative- Lil Yerkes, Peggy McCarthy & Eileen Donahue.

Our first meeting will be on Monday, September 8th. Welcome Back Mass in St. Rita Chapel, 7740 S. Western is at 7:00 pm. The meeting starts at 7:45 pm. Refreshments will be served.

Clothing Resale

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn, will hold their annual Fall and Winter Children's Clothing Resale (toys, equipment, maternity clothes will also be available) on Saturday, September 13, from 8 am-11 am; clothes baskets are encouraged for shoppers. All blue tag items will be half price from 10-11 am.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whitty
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THE FABULOUS FIFTIES

The BIG 50. That seems to be the magical number that signals the dreaded decent into old age. It also seems to be the popular birthday for throwing surprise parties.

Chances are quite good that if you've already turned 50, you've either survived a surprise party, in your honor, or you've attended one for a friend or relative who has.

All my sister-in-law wanted was a quiet weekend getaway to ring in her fifth decade on earth. But that is not quite what her loving husband, Terry, had in mind. She spent the week, before the big event, hinting about how nice a weekend away from home would be. He spent it frantically planning a big surprise for his fun-loving wife of 21 years.

This was no easy feat to accomplish since his work weary schedule left him little free time at home. Linda, on the other hand, was enjoying her summer off, thanks to her job as a crossing guard, which meant she was around the house—a lot.

For days leading up to the festivities, he seized every opportunity he could to get things organized. She'd run to the store, he'd run to the garage to tidy up behind closed doors. She'd run down to throw in a load of laundry, he'd run up to make a few quick phone calls.

That's pretty much how it went that pre-party week. She never suspected a thing. With the help of good neighbors, Bud and Jane, who 'hammed' it up by pretending to need her grill for cooking a ham, Linda had no clue the plump porker was for her surprise birthday bash that very evening.

Miraculously her husband, the man with the mission, had managed to pull it off. With the birthday girl out of the house, friends and family started trickling into the backyard. A few here, a few there, until every space was surrounded with the smiles of party goers anxious to surprise their friend and loved one.

And surprise her we did!!

Linda didn't get that quiet laid back weekend away that she wished for. Instead she got so much more. She got a grand celebration of love to share with her husband, children, grandchildren, parents, brothers, sister, in-laws, and countless friends, made throughout her fifty years, that gave way to an evening of laughter, rekindled memories and joyous reunions.

The only tell-tale sign that this rockin' party was ruled by the gray haired generation was the thin layer of wax gracing the top of the cake after 50 candles were blown out.

But, whose counting anyway? Besides, what's a little wax when the sweetest times of your life are multiplied by good times and good friends?

When it comes right down to it, age really is just a number after all. And if you're lucky enough to turn 50 with a sense of humor still intact and a zest to fill your days with laughter, then you are living wise beyond your years.

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Southwest conference of Mayors held annual golf outing

The Southwest Conference of Mayors held its annual golf outing on Wednesday, August 27, 2003 at Silver Lake Country Club.

Walter E. Smithe Furniture donated a $400 gift certificate as a raffle prize for the event and presented the check to Jerry Bennett, president of the Southwest Conference of Mayors and mayor of Palos Hills.

Pictured from left to right are Jane Purpura, Smithe manager, Mayor Jerry Bennett, Patty Vlazny, SWCM golf

Tinley Park Public Library makes announcements

Stories in the Park

The Tinley Park Public Library, in conjunction with the Tinley Park Park District, invites families to the Bettenhausen Recreation Center, 8125 W 171st Street to enjoy a relaxing evening of storytelling with Neil Whitham. No registration is required, and there is no charge for this family event. For additional info, phone the library at 532-0160 ext. 2 or the park distract at 532-8698. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Tinley Tomes

The Tinley Park Public Library evening session adult book discussion group will meet Tuesday September 23 at 7:30 pm to discuss

Bee Season by Myla Goldberg. No registration is required. Books will be available at the reference desk one month prior to discussion. Large type and recorded editions are available upon request. For additional info, phone 532-0160 ext. 2. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Autumn Harvest of Books

Tinley Park Public Library Bookmobile staff invites residents of Tinley Park and Orland Hills to join the fall reading club for adults, Autumn Harvest of Books. Register at your regular Bookmobile stop beginning Monday September 8. The club ends Wednesday, November 26. For additional reading club info, phone 532-0160 ext. 141. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Ave.

YAC Meeting

The Youth Advisory Council will hold its meeting and election of new officers Wednesday, September 10 from 5:00 – 6:30 pm in the

youth Services Department of the Tinley Park Public Library. Current YAC members are asked to phone 532-0160 ext. 125 one day prior to register. Pizza and pop will be served. YAC is open to teens in grades 6 – 12, and new applications are currently being accepted. Inquire at the YS Reference Desk. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Café Ole

The Youth Services Department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grades 6 - 12 to stop in and enjoy board game night and a cup of java with their friends Wednesday, September 10 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at Café Ole. No registration required. For additional info, phone 532-0160 ext. 125. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

"It's Elementary Astrology"

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The Monthly Forecast for Sept. 2003
Find Your Element And Read Your Message.
Initials, if given, can be first or last names of people

"It's Elementary Astrology" A Psychic Insight based on the Elements: *Water [Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces] *Earth [Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn] *Fire [Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius] *Air [Gemini, Libra and Aquarius] and Astrology Sun Signs. Initials given (if any) can be first or last names of people involved.

*Water Signs: This should be your money month; and, you can make plans in accordance with what your income and potential income shows up to be. Reach out more. There is nothing more disconcerting than to focus only on what seems negative in your life. Get out there and live your life...life has been living you! Capricorn people can be a big help to you; lawyers and people with financial backing can also step into your personal "circle." M is your best help and a Leo.

*Earth Signs: There is a very "spiritual awakening" coming your way. Some of you meet Aquarius born people and could even fall in love with one. G and J and someone in the arts and entertainment are slated to also meet you. Health helps are on the way, and there is some travel in the plans (or should be). You could do well to clean up the clutter in your life. Your sense of timing is sharpened too.

*Fire Signs: You simply have to decide on where you want to live and with whom. You could be remodeling, decorating, moving, or even relocating soon. A different vehicle could be in the "next to do" purchasing. You seem ready to meet life as it comes, but remember, without your input life can be dull, repetitive and just plain nasty to deal with. Take hold of it. You are the captain of your own ship so...sail it with pride and accomplishment will follow. K...T and C help.

*Air Signs: When you know you want things to happen and they don't, there is a reason. This reason could be "inaction" on your part. So, take action when the idea comes into your mind lest it fade and disappear forever. Your secret desires can be suffocating you. Let them out so they too can breathe life back into your dull or boring life. J and M and someone L involved this month. Take time to study up on something that interests you. The light is green...go!

NOTE: Have a Personal Psychic Service "One-on-One" with me at The Baymont Inn or by phone. These are taped for your later recall. Send for a Free Brochure of my Services at P.O. Box 802, Oak Lawn, IL 60454 or call 708-597-5866. You can go to my websites for more: *TheDailyPsychic.Com and JackiMari.Com and Sherlockjacki.com (I am a Professional Profiler).* Mini-Seminars with me are available at Willoughby's Restaurant at 122nd & Harlem on Sept. 3rd & 17th and The Oak Forest Bowl at 152nd & Cicero on Sept. 8th & 22nd. Starting time is 7PM. By appt/walk in's Welcome. Call my office at 708-597-5866 or 597-6721.

Jacki Mari [Sherlockjacki]

Shop & Share Days

Show your support for the Oak Lawn Public Library by participating in a "Shop & Share" fundraiser Monday through Wednesday, September 8-10 at Jewel-Osco stores.

It's so simple! Shop at any Jewel-Osco on one of these three dates and present a Shop & Share Identification Slip to your cashier. Five percent of your total purchase, excluding tax, will be donated by Jewel-Osco to the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation.

Shop & Share Identification Slips are available in the library's lobby. For more information, call 708/ 422-4990.

Trinity Lutheran announces

Sunday School Registration

September 7th is the first day of Sunday School at Trinity Lutheran Church for preschoolers through 8th Grade. We'll meet in the auditorium. We would like to extend an invitation to the community to join us for another great year of learning about our Lord!! Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 9701 South Brandt (two blocks west of Cicero) in Oak Lawn. for additional information, call the church office at 708/422-0193

Fall Rummage Sale

You know Fall has arrived when Oak Lawn's Trinity Lutheran Church announces the dates of its Fall Rummage Sale. This year the sale will be held Tuesday, September 23rd from 7:00 to 9:00 pm and Wednesday, September 24th from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. Bag Day will be Thursday, September 25th, from 9:00 to 11:00 am. everything that can be stuffed in a brown paper grocery bag can be purchased for only $2.

Bargains available include clothing for all ages, household goods, jewelry, books, toys, furniture, and much much more.

Fall/Winter clothing resale

Southwest Chicago Christian Schools will hold its annual Fall/Winter Children's Clothing Resale on Saturday, September 27th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon in the Oak Lawn gym located at 5665 W. 101st Street. Toys and baby equipment will be sold along with gently used boy's clothing (infant to size 20) and girl's clothing (infant to size 16). Interested sellers may register on Friday, September 12th from 1:00 to 3:15 pm at the Oak Lawn campus or at the Tinley Park campus, 17171 S. 84th Avenue, from 2:15 to 3:15. The registration fee is $5. The seller will receive 70% of the sale and the school receives 30%.

Only adults will be permitted in the gym during the sale. All sales are cash only.

For more information or to register as a seller after the September 12th date, contact Pam at 708 / 361-0451.

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Autumn adventures await travelers in Illinois

From early settlers and civil War heroes to wineries and corn mazes, exploration and adventure have long been part of the fall season in Illinois. Offering numerous pumpkin patches, themed corn labyrinths, wine festivals and historic battle reenactments, Illinois is a colorful blend of history, heritage and harvest this fall.

Pumpkin Patches:

As the nation's pumpkin-producing state, Illinois has everything from the world's pumpkin capital in Morton to quaint roadside patches.

The Didier Farms Pumpkinfest, September 27 - October 31, in Prairie View, offers 20 acres for pumpkin hunting and fresh produce straight from the fields for sale at the farm stand. Pumpkin pickers are taken to and from the patches by hayride, while guests back on the farm enjoy entertaining activities such as exploring a five acre corn maze, taking pony rides, lounging at the Pumpkin Patch Cafe and participating in barn activities. Call 847-634-3291 (www.didierfarms.com).

Other great times and places to pick and purchase pumpkins in Illinois include:

18th annual St. Charles Scarecrow Festival from October 10 - 12, in St. Charles, hosts a Scarecrow Contest, live entertainment, children's events and the Autumn on the Fox Art & Craft Show. The festival showcases more than 100 handmade scarecrows, which can be entered in five categories, traditional, whimsical, mechanical, children's and local business, for visitor voting. Call 800-777-4373 (www.scarecrowfest.com).

The Great Pumpkin Patch, September 14 - November 1, in Lyndon, has many attractions, including the children's LM&J short line railroad that takes pumpkin seekers first through a forest and then up to a magical pumpkin patch. Call 815-778-4856.

Pumpkin Works 2003, October 1 - 31, in Paris, offers nine mazes, including a six acre "Jungle Maze" corn maze, a haunted house, hayrides, bonfires and other family activities. Call 217-275-3327 (www.pumpkinworks.com).

Galesburg Scarecrow Festival, October 4 and 5, in Standish Park, features a scarecrow contest with five categories: historical, whimsical, children's, local business and traditional. As an official stop on the Knox County Scenic Drive, visitors along the drive serve as judges by voting for the category winners among the hundreds of festive scarecrows. Call 800-916-3330 (www.visitgalesburg.com).

Great Southern Scarecrow Exhibition, October 3 and 4, in Carbondale, features pumpkin flavored concessions, live music concerts, puppet displays and hands on activities. Call 618-457-5100.

The Great Godfrey Maze, August 30 – November 1, in Godfrey, is a maze carved into a seven acre field featuring a new theme each year. This year's theme celebrates the Lewis and Clark bicentennial. Call 618-466-1483 (www.greatgodfreymaze.com).

Harvest Celebrations:

Travelers can experience the many colors, faces and tastes in Illinois at harvest and heritage festivals throughout the state. Wienerschnitzel and sauerbraten, apple strudel and barbecue fill visitors' stomachs while the outdoor activities and fall foliage fill the streets and skies.

The 35th Annual Barry Apple Festival, October 3 - 5, celebrates everything apple in the quaint, historic town of Barry, which is sandwiched between Monroe City and Pittsfield. A parade winds through the city where local music bands and a craft show entertain visitors. Apple pies, ice cream and strudels are all specialities. Old time crafts, local bluegrass band performances and a car show complete the weekend. Call 217-285-2971.

Other not to miss Illinois harvest festivals include:

Chicago's Berghoff Oktoberfest, September 3 - 6, held near Adams Street, features live music, food and locally brewed specialty drinks. Call 312-427-3170 (www.berghoff.com).

16th Annual Long Grove Apple Fest, October 3 – 5, hosts a bevy of apple inspired treats. Call 847-634-0888 (www.longgroveonline.com).

Fall Fest on the Rock, September 27 and 28, between Rock Falls and Sterling in Utica, features musical entertainment, antiques and collectibles and a horseshoe tournament. Call 815-626-0025 (www.rockfallsil.com).

Apple and Pork Festival, September 27 and 28, in Clinton, offers DeWitt County Museum tours, apple and pork delicacies, antiques and live entertainment. Call 217-935-3364 (www.clintonillinois.com/tour/sm-pages/ApplePork).

Anna's Apple Festival, September 27 and 28, in Anna, provides travelers with an old fashioned rope swing, a 40 foot slide and apple butter making demonstrations. Call 618-833-5555 (www.boyd orchards.com).

Wine Festivals:

Illinois is home to 53 wineries, some of which host seasonal festivals, tastings and tours. Southern Illinois' Shawnee Hills Wine Trail is known for its four award winning wineries and rustic scenery. Two of the wineries, the Alto and Owl Creek vineyards, team up every fall with local vendors to host the **Fall Wine Festival**. This year the festival takes place October 11 and 12 and provides live music, seafood, steaks and some of the state's best wine, including a unique blueberry varietal.

For more information, contact the Alto Vineyards at 618-893-4898 (www.altovineyards.net) or the Owl Creek Vineyard at 618-893-2557 (www.owlcreekvineyard.com).

Other Illinois wine festivals:

Nouveau Wine Festival, November 21, at Galena Cellars in Galena, celebrates the release of this year's new vintage with special luncheons at area restaurants. The wine is delivered to the restaurants by horse drawn wagons along Main Street. Visitors can stay overnight and enjoy an evening of dancing with a live band at the DeSoto House Hotel. Call 815-777-3330.

Illinois Art and Wine Festival, September 27 and 28, in Wilmington, showcases 50 statewide artists and 30 wineries. Call 618-7[illegible].

Re-enactments:

Fall's scenic beauty can be found throughout Illinois, but the changing of colors marks a change of more than just seasons at many of Illinois' historic locations. Illinoisans celebrate their heritage each fall with a series of re-enactments featuring mock Civil War battles with soldiers in full battle dress, pioneers in their prairie clothes and medieval actors donning their costumes.

Just north of Salem, **Ingram's Pioneer Log Cabin Village** commemorates the Civil War with a series of living history weekends from September 20 - October 12. Visitors watch as uniformed soldiers from "The North" and "The South" perform a mock battle using the same type of weaponry as used in the 1860s. As one of the largest private collections of authentic, pre Civil War log structures in the United States, the campus hosts a grocery store, apothecary, cobbler's shop, church and post office, all open for tours. Call 618-547-3241 (www.stepintohistory.com).

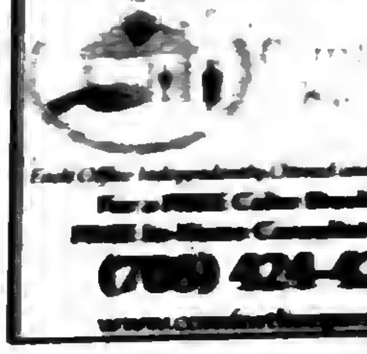
Other re-enactments and fairs include:

Camp Fuller Festival, September 13, in Rockford, hosts a re-enactment held on the site of a Civil War camp that supported four Illinois regiments and now celebrates the history with refreshments, period games and entertainment. Call 815-968-7958 (www.rockfordnorthend.com).

The Candlelight Tour of New Salem, October 25, in New Salem, features interpreters dressed in periods clothing as they guide visitors through Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site after dark. Call 217-632-4000 (www.lincolnsnewsalem.com).

6th Annual Labyrinth Medieval Fair, October 10 and 11, in Barry, offers 15th century fare, dancing and crafts. Call 217-335-2670 (www.applebasketfarm.com).

Camp River Dubois, September 13 - November 27, in Hartford, features re-enactments of preparations for Lewis and Clark's expedition. Call 618-251-2680 ext. 15 (www.hartfordillinois.net).



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Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas Speaks About Applying for a Refund

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3) Bring or mail completed documents to our office. Include Social Security Number. Unsigned or incomplete applications can not be processed. Note: all Refund Applications must be submitted on or before 5-year statute of limitations. This begins on date of duplicate or over payment.

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Faced with crisis, the man of character falls back on himself.
—Charles de Gaulle

The true test of character is not how much we know how to do, but how we behave when we don't know what to do.
—John Holt

Meals on wheels for every eligible senior in Illinois

When Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed Senator Louis Viverito's (D-Burbank) bill, Illinois came one step closer to providing home delivered meals to every eligible senior.

Senate Bill 1198 is an issue that Senator Viverito has championed since coming to the Senate. The bill requires the Illinois Council on Aging to submit a report to the General Assembly on the cost of providing home delivered meals to every senior in Illinois that is eligible under the Federal Older Americans Act.

"A volunteer delivering a meal a day could be the difference between a senior living at home and a senior requiring placement in a nursing home," Viverito said. "This is an essential service that we should offer to every eligible senior across the state."

The Council on Aging will report in detail to the General Assembly on the status of home delivered meals in Illinois. The report will include estimates on number of citizens unable to access meals on wheels programs in their county, unserved and underserved areas from the previous years, and the estimated cost of providing meals on wheels to every eligible senior in Illinois. The report will also include suggestions on ways to increase funding from Federal sources. The General Assembly, after receiving the report on January 1st of each year, can use the suggestions in the report to appropriate funding for Illinois' home delivered meals program.

Home delivered Meals programs provide meals to frail, homebound elderly persons, 60 years of age and over, who have no support systems in place to assist them in shopping for or preparing meals. The meals provide one-third of the recommended daily dietary allowance of essential nutrients.

According to [illegible], a director at The Suburban Area Agency on Aging which serves the 130 municipalities within 30 townships of suburban Cook County including Stickney Township, there are around 2,300 meals delivered every day to home-bound seniors. While there is a suggested donation price of [illegible], which is well below the actual cost, no senior that is eligible is denied service if they can not afford to pay.

Volunteers are needed to help keep this program alive. Senator Viverito encourages all individuals who would like to volunteer to contact their local senior center or Illinois Department of Aging at 1-800-252-8966.

Prevent Crimes

Crime prevention officers, police and community/neighborhood leaders can now request a free copy of the home safety and property crime prevention kit "The Key to Home Security."

This essential safety kit features a home security VHS video with security expert Bob Stuber who explains how families can improve home safety by more than fifty-percent. In addition to the video, the Key to Home Safety Kit includes a Grade-1 deadbolt for use in neighborhood crime prevention meetings, and printed safety literature that can be reproduced and distributed.

Send written requests to: The Key to Home Security, 19701 DaVinci, Lake Forest, CA 92610 or submit to www.kwikset.com/safeandsound/

Tip Sheet: The keys to home security

1) Lock all of your home's entryways during the day and night. 1 in 3 burglaries are through unlocked doors and windows.

2) Use ANSI Grade-One deadbolt locks on all exterior entrances. Use solid core doors and secure them with top-quality door hardware.

3) Use motion activated lighting for yards and porches. The animation of the light creates a psychological barrier for criminals.

4) Use glass brick around entryways and secure grates onto door sidelights. Where building codes allow, install double cylinder deadbolts that are opened with a key from inside and outside.

5) Maintain the appearance of occupancy when away by using timers on lights, televisions and radios. Have a neighbor pick up newspapers and mail rather than submitting stop-service orders.

6) Start a Neighborhood Watch Program and get to know your neighbors names and faces.

7) Never hide keys under a door mat, in planters or taped above a door jamb. Only leave keys with trusted neighbors or family.

8) Be pro-active about informing police and neighbors about strangers in private yards or people near windows or unattended parked cars. Call 911 if an emergency threatens human life or property.

9) Empty TV, computer and stereo boxes in the trash tempt criminals.

10) New homeowners should re-key or replace all exterior door locks so former owners and their guests don't have access to the home. Only 23-percent of new homeowners change the locks to their new home.

Key To Security tips are provided by Kwikset, a Black & Decker company and the leading door hardware manufacturer of deadbolts, handlesets, knobs and levers. For more home security tips and information about high quality home security door hardware visit www.kwikset.

Liberty Mutual & Radio Disney partner for safety

"Safety Spectacular" Pulls into Westfield Shoppingtown This Summer

Safety isn't child's play, but kids can have fun while learning how to live and play safely. Liberty Mutual has teamed up with Radio Disney to bring the "Liberty Mutual Safety Spectacular" to 11 malls across the country this summer, providing a fun, fair-like atmosphere for parents and kids to learn how to stay safe in the home, car and at play.

The "Liberty Mutual Safety Spectacular" will thrill visitors with performances by the stunt team Maximum Flatlanders, ramp riders and inline skaters will perform fascinating, yet safe stunts during two 20-minute shows, and will follow each performance with a safety demonstration. Local Radio Disney DJs will entertain families with great music, [illegible], for games and winning prizes. The [illegible] Liberty Mutual [illegible] Champs [illegible] will [illegible] safety [illegible], and a special appearance by the Safety Ape.

* Teen Safety– Parents and teens can receive driving tips and information about how to better communicate with your parent/teenager.

*Child Safety – Liberty Mutual will supply parents with child ID kits and information on car seat and bicycle safety. $ Fire Safety – Liberty Mutual will provide tips for both kids and parents on fire prevention and what to do in case of a fire.

Come out and visit the "Liberty Mutual Safety Spectacular" at the following locations:

Date: Saturday, September 6
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location: Aurora, Ill. Westfield Shoppingtown Fox Valley 195 Fox Valley Center

The rain date for this event will be the Sunday, September 7th.

For more information about the Liberty Mutual Safety Spectacular, please contact Kelly Cannon at 212-337-4717 or Glenn Greenberg at 617-574-5874.

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About Radio Disney: Radio Disney is a 24-hour national family radio network with a local emphasis dedicated to programming high quality, wholesome, interactive entertainment that is beneficial to children, families and the communities in which it serves. Radio Disney has over 50 stations, including 18 of the top 20 DMAs and covering over 57% of the United States.

Plan for higher natural gas costs this winter

It's summer, a time when wholesale prices for natural gas are typically low, but not this year. Nationally, natural gas prices have been near historic summer highs, which even caught the attention of Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who has testified twice before Congress regarding high natural gas costs.

The national issue of higher natural gas costs could affect millions of people in Illinois and across the country. Nicor Gas is taking action to help lessen the impact should extreme market volatility persist, and the company is urging customers to start planning now to manage for the potential of higher home heating bills this winter.

Nicor Gas offers several programs that can help customers better manage their gas bills. Customer Select®, the Budget Plan and a deferred payment arrangement (DPA) are available to all Nicor Gas customers. And for those who qualify, financial assistance is available through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Nicor Gas' Sharing program.

•Customer Select® allows customers to choose a natural gas supplier other than Nicor Gas which could save them money.

•With the Budget Plan customers' bills are spread over a 12-month period, providing some assurance of knowing what their gas bills will be each month. In summer, Budget Plan payments are higher to help build a credit balance to offset higher winter bills. Every four months, customers' Budget Plan payments are adjusted based on their current account balance and Nicor Gas' estimates of future natural gas prices.

•Deferred Payment Arrangements are for customers who have fallen behind in paying their gas bills.

•LIHEAP assists eligible low-income households in paying for energy services. Administered by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, [illegible] and for energy bills.

•Sharing is administered by the Salvation Army and provides one-time energy grants of $200 to residential customers who are having difficulty paying their gas bill and do not qualify for LIHEAP assistance.

Information regarding high gas costs and energy conservation are available at www.nicorgas.com, and the topics will be the focal points of customer newsletters, special bill inserts and an awareness campaign that will be conducted throughout the late summer, fall and winter. Customers can also stay informed by reading their bills and insert materials each month, as throughout the fall and winter Nicor Gas will continue to provide as much information as possible regarding natural gas costs. To learn more about natural gas costs, bill payment programs and energy conservation tips, visit the Nicor Gas Web site at www.nicorgas.com or contact Nicor Gas directly at 1 888 Nicor4u.

Condo & townhouse buyers urged: invest in home inspections

Many people who want to invest in real estate, but don't want to necessarily own their own single-family house, opt to purchase a condominium or townhouse, where common-area maintenance and landscaping, as well as community space, such as pools or playgrounds, are often part of their monthly maintenance deal. In these situations, there's individual ownership of one's unit, combined with shared ownership of common facilities.

"However, just like buyers purchasing their own single family house, it's wise to invest in a home inspection of a condo or townhouse, to get an overview of the structure and condition before purchasing, so that one can assess if the condition is reflected in the list price or if major repairs are needed and who will be responsible for them," says [illegible] Hafeld, franchise director of HouseMaster, one of the leading home inspection companies in the U.S. and Canada.

"For example, while certain maintenance items and conditions are handled by an elected board and common reserve fund, many problems that arise, particularly on the interior of the unit, will often have to be resolved with additional money, beyond the monthly maintenance fee, that comes directly out of the new owner's pocket," explains Hafeld. "Some maintenance issues include faulty plumbing fixtures or a faulty heating system." In fact, these issues often have to be fixed quickly, allowing little time to get the most cost-effective contractor estimate in order to eliminate the chance that something wrong in that unit may lead to damage in someone else's or danger to its occupants, since walls and/or floors directly connect to adjoining units.

Buyers of shared properties should also know how old the building or development is and what major repairs have already been done. It's important to keep in mind that although you may not be responsible for repairs to common elements, such as exterior roofing, they still affect you. Since all units are built around the same time, when one begins to have problems, often, all other units follow. "Buyers need to do their research," advises Hafeld. "...Find out what size reserve fund is available for future replacement. If proper reserves have not been set aside, you could be forced to cough up the necessary funds to get the job done." Since it's often hard for buyers to differentiate between their responsibilities and the management's, HouseMaster outlines some of where the owner's maintenance responsibilities commonly are:

* AC compressor (6-10 years)* AC condenser (10-15 years): * Double glaze windows (10-30 years): * Boiler (18-25 years): * Furnace (15-20 years): * Kitchen appliances (5-15 years): * Faucets/valves (10-15 years) * Plumbing fixtures

For additional information on buying a home, or more specifically, buying a condo or town house, visit: www.housemaster.com/buyers/townhouse.html or contact your local HouseMaster franchise office at (708) 798-8810.

A travel log of China

by [illegible]

After traveling for four hours with Mr. Long, my English speaking guide and my driver from Wuhan to Jingzhou, I was anticipating the cruise down the Yangtze River. The excitement of seeing an ancient city with many city walls, historical relics and bronze, silk and lacquered wares made my childhood dreams come true.

Our arrival at Yichang brought us to the Three Gorge Hotel, destination point for departure of the cruise. The three complexes at the Three Gorge Hotel were built very modern. Mr. Long politely handed me my tickets to Tibet and informed me that he acknowledged that I was in good health and that he gave the authorities the OK for me to continue my travels. In between several phone calls and hurried conversations, I asked him for my cruise tickets. He informed me that a guide will arrive early, drive me to the cruise ship called "Presidential".

The next morning I went downstairs to the reception area and asked if anyone had arrived for me. To no avail, there were no tickets for a cruise for me nor a driver. Now I really panicked, although I had a telephone number for a Beijing tour operator, but was unable to reach her. Several groups of tourists were lining up for their buses, so I approached their guide and asked for help. A kind guide from the M.S. Yangtze Pearl called the number I had and settled the situation so that I could travel with their group. I was fortunate that it was an American Group on a Chinese Cruise Line. The next four days were pure joy for I met more independent travelers from California, Nebraska and New York.

Our first bus ride before cruising took us to the Three Gorges Dam Project. It was there where we saw the excavations that were over 2000 ft. deep [illegible] Chinese laborers, just like ancient times carrying rock and building, or better yet just like the movies. They used their hands, shoulders and arms to haul the debris. It is amazing what these people can do.

The project started in 1919 but a new engineering project has been taking place since 1990 and will be completed in 2009. One of the main reasons to take the cruise down the Yangtze is because of the ancient sights that will be lost starting next year. In September they will be raising the water level 70 feet, therefore losing some towns built along the river banks. Don't forget I had mentioned in the article prior to this that this is a mountainous terrain.

Several dams and ship locks were installed. Fourteen generators and 5-step ship locks are operational. The investment is not only $22 billion, but many ancient cities, sights, and relics will be lost forever.

The Yangtze river is the 3rd longest river in the world. The other two are the Nile in Egypt and the Amazon in Africa. We also toured Gezhouba Water Conservation Project in the city of Yichang, but the real excitement was watching out of the cabin window at the enormous mountains encompassing this long narrow river. The project is to be controlled flooding within the Yangtze River and also give the country of China a stronghold on tourism and commercial transportation.

One of the longest gorges [illegible] named Xiling Gorge. Wu Gorge is the second largest gorge, [illegible] but the most beautiful. "Twelve Peaks" [illegible] of the Wu Gorge [illegible] can be seen at the top of Goddess Peak.

We took a sampan through the [illegible] of the three gorges. It is known for magnificent scenic spots such as Seven Gate Cave, the Bellows Gorges and Ancient Plank Road. It was a wonderful trip and I certainly enjoyed being off the liner and close to the mountains and rocks.

Some of the cities that will be lost are White Emperor's City, Fengdu, and many more along the way from Shanghai to Chongqing. Some of the permanent structures within the caves are dated more than 2000 years will also be destroyed. One place for sure, which will be an island, called Shibaozhai will stay intact. This tremendous wooden pavilion clings to a square shape stone. It is called the shining pearl on the Yangtze. It's a village with a 12 story tower with five parts including an entrance red gate, attic, Kuixing attic and Temple Hall. The halls contain statues of Guan Yu and four deities. The middle hall has a statue of Emperor Yuhuang (3 meters high). The back hall is for Mother Yuhuang and her seven daughters. The Shibao Village was built during the Ming Dynasty and renovated many times throughout the Qing Dynasty.

The M.S. Yangtze Pearl was a decent ship, but the Presidential was very elite as it cruised by us. I certainly noticed the difference. Of course, I now felt cheated because of the difference in cost of the two cruises. I also felt cheated when our captain announced because of the low water level and no rain for several weeks, our trip was ending before we would reach Chongqing.

Again we would have a four hour bus ride, [illegible] on the bus. Don't forget [illegible] 70s.

A [illegible] met me in Chongqing when the bus arrived. She was very nice and her English was superb. After whisking me away in a new Lexus SUV [illegible] for the next seven hours, I soon forgot the grueling journey I just undertook.

The city of Chongqing was gorgeous with the Yangtze River and the Mountain City. The Chinese proverb states all serenity if you face the water and your back to the mountains. Tranquility is what this city has, it too is a transportation hub just like Wuhan and Shanghai. In centuries past, it was a north south land route that connected with western shipping routes to carry cargo back to Europe. It has charm of the 18th and 19th century and again very few tourists because of the problems of the war and SARS.

I only had seven hours and within that time we journeyed on a city tour: Luohan Temple, Crane Neck Park, the pandas at the zoo, The Three Gorge Museum and also had lunch and dinner. If I ever get back there I would like to see Nanwenquan Park, which is another city like Hot Spring, AK.

Xian

Much of my writing was focused on sightseeing, but none on food nor hotels. In Xian, another three star hotel, which looks like a five star hotel gives the Western and Oriental style of decoration for the main entrance of the lobby.

There is a grand relief which appears to be about 50' high and 70' wide and is entitled Vogue of Qin (Dynasty) and South of Han (Dynasty). With the images of Qin Zither, Han bamboo slip books, chime of bells, spears, Great Wall, desert, camels, etc. reveals the splendor of Chinese culture.

In the restaurant, you can see the breath taking view of the city of Xian and the far away Zhongnan Mountains. The hotel has nine dining areas and banquet rooms serving Western style food or Chinese food. For the three times a day my choice was Chinese food.

Orient Hotel Xian has many master chefs, who combine their proficiency serving the cuisine of Canton, Shanghai, and Sichuan which their delicate art has been praised by guests such as Former President Clinton and family who stayed in the presidential suite several years ago.

For those interested in the "Silk Road Expedition", Xian is the starting point. The main tourist destinations around the city include the famous Museum of Qin Shihuang's Terra Cotta Buried Legend (The Terra Cotta Warriors), the History Museum of Shaanxi, the Great Wild Goose Pagoda, the Small Wild Goose Pagoda, the Forest of Steles, the Ancient City Walls, the ruins of Banpo Village, the site of the Lantian Man and Mt. Huashan. The Mausoleum of Qin Shihuang and the Museum of Terra-Cotta Warriors has been included in the UNESCO World Heritage List.

My two night and three day stay in Xian, the once ancient city called Chang'an gave me the opportunity to experience [illegible] day in 23 days of traveling throughout six cities.

Xian was modern, yet with all the interesting sightseeing brought back an ancient flavor of Xian. The Terra Cotta Warriors and the Bell Tower in the city walls added to that ancient flavor. This is the only city in China that has the largest walled city still serving the millions of people daily. The walls are over 2000 years old and are the largest, thickest walls in China. The walls appear to be as wide as a four lane highway in some sections. It also has 5984 arrow shooting holes and 98 ramparts. This is the biggest and best preserved city wall of ancient China. If you enjoy ancient Chinese history, you will enjoy Xian.

John Reeger and David Lively in Thye Mousetrap at the Drury Lane Oakbrook Theatre

Drury Lane Oakbrook Presents The Mousetrap

By Marijo Doody

An old "who done it", English drawing room mystery was renewed with new vitality by The Drury Lane with the Agatha Christie murder mystery The Mousetrap. This is the third show in the 2003-2004 season. The wildly popular play opened in London in 1952 and has become the longest-running play in the world, recently celebrating the 50th Anniversary with over 20,000 consecutive performances.

In her own style, Agatha Christie has created an atmosphere of shuttering suspense and a brilliantly intricate plot where murder lurks around every corner. A group of travelers is stranded at Monkswell Manor when they learn that a killer is on the loose. As the blizzard piles snow, a dead body is discovered. The travelers begin to realize there is a killer among them.

The cast consists of Don Smith and Fiona Bergin as Giles and Mollie Ralston, the young couple opening their first inn. Susan Allison Miller as Miss Casewell and Chris Peschler as Christopher Wren, two eccentrics, with something to hide and Brian Gill as the detective who suspects them all. (All Drury Lane Oakbrook debuts); Jane Galloway Heitz as Judge Boyle, John Reeger as a mysterious Italian stranger, David Lively as Major Metcalf (All seen at Drury Lane previously). The equity actors were all stellar in performance. The audience were on the edge of the seats until the "who done it" was discovered.

Mousetrap was directed by William Osetek and the design team working with him are Kristin Ligeski (costumes), Kurt Sharp (sets) and Robert Christen (lighting). The production runs August 13 through October 5, 2003. Performance schedule at Drury Lane Oakbrook is Wednesday at 8PM, Thursday at 2:30 PM and 8PM, Friday at 8:30PM, Saturday at 5:30PM and 9:00 PM and Sunday at 2:30PM and 7PM. Show only prices from $19-$25 (depending on day of the week). Dinner and Theater Packages starting at $38.75. Reservations (630-530-0111). All major credit cards accepted. Drury Lane Oakbrook is at 100 Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

Theater News

By Marijo Doody

Western Springs

Tony Lee Bunnell Jr. of Riverside is hired as the new Technical Director at the Theater of Western Springs. He will help in all technical aspects of the theater as well as teach classes, design and lighting and technical theater, for Children's Theater of Western Springs (TWS). He comes from the Hilberry Theater in Detroit, Michigan where he was Technical Director and Scenic Director for three years. Bunnell also worked extensively in Oklahoma City and [illegible] Museum. He received his BA in theater from the University of Central Oklahoma and MFA from Wayne State University in Detroit.

He is very pleased to come to TWS to pass along his skills in this the 75th anniversary of the theater. Tony Vezner is the artistic director of TWS. For further information, call (708-246-4043).

Mercury Theater

Musician Tony Rogers puts the pop in his miraculous modern romantic relationship seminar. Using his original music to create a therapy session with the following song titles. Sit down and let's begin, Do you want to be cured by Oprah, Mars and Venus, Apology delayed and You gotta love somebody, the audience begins its participation with the shows first song. The show meat is "Five Steps to Melodious Mating". All stations of life are considered in the humor and pop tunes, which come fast and furious. Two strangers are plucked from the audience based upon their questionnaire answers for a blind date in front of all. Another person is brought upon stage for a one on one session with Dr. Tony. "Pop Psychology" is not for everyone, as those who shy away from shows with audience participation and who have not been exposed to therapy would not be entertained. The show runs through Sept. 21st. Call (773-325-1700) for tickets.

Chicago Fall Highlights

Broadway in Chicago will present "Chicago" the killer musical returning to the Shubert Theater September 3rd through September 21st 2003. The show won more than 50 awards internationally including Broadway's Tony Award, London's Oliver Award and the recording industry's Grammy Award, the stage production has solidified itself as one of the hottest shows the world has ever seen.

The Department of Cultural Affairs will present the 5th annual world music festival from September 17th to 21st, 2003. Performers are from a variety of countries including Brazil, Cuba, Hungary, Italy, Spain, India and various African countries. Events are presented at the Cultural Center, Old Town School of Folk Music, the Daley Civic Center, and the Museum of Contemporary Arts. A complete performance is available at www.cityofchicago.org/WorldMusic/ or by calling the World Music Festival: Chicago 2003 hotline at (312-742-1938).

The Chicago Symphony releases the September programming. Stravinsky, Gould and Falla are featured on the September 21st program. Daniel Barenboim conducts the Brahms 2nd piano concerto September 25th, 26th, and 27th. Jazz returns the 26th. The Civic Orchestra of Chicago is the CSO training grounds for young pre-professional musicians. The 1st concert is October 13th. Hayden and Shostakovich are on the program.

The Auditorium Theater will come alive with "The Sound of Music" in eight performances September 23-28 2003. Stars include Broadway talent. There will be 32 cast members and a 19-member orchestra in the company. For tickets call (312-922-2110).

Pegasus Players opens 25th silver anniversary season with "The State of Mississippi and the Face of Emmett Till". The play written by David Barr and Emmett's mother Mamie Till Mobley will play September 5th to October 19th. The story is about Emmett Till the 14-year-old boy from Chicago who was beaten, mutilated and killed in 1955. The story focuses on Emmett's mother and to ensure the death will not be forgotten.

Northlight Theater

The 2003-2004 season begins with limited engagement of "A Feast of Fools" September 18th to 27th. The play takes its name from the traditional European festival marked by abandon and buffoonery and combines elements of mime, acrobatics and music to showcase a special brand of clowning. The North Shore Center for the Performing Arts is the resident home for the Northlight. For ticket information call (847-673-6300).

Willowbrook Ballroom

In the weeks of September 1-14 the lineup is as follows: Sept 1st, 2nd & 5th, 8th, 9th Country and Western Dance, September 3rd, 10th Salsa Nights, September 7th and 14th Ballroom (afternoon) and Evening Swing dance and September 12th Singles Dance. The ballroom is located at 8900 S Archer Ave. in Willow Springs.

The Center for Performing Arts (Govenors State University)

The Smothers Brothers open the 2003-04 season at the Center September 27th with the Smothers Brothers. They are as legendary for their outspoken opinions as for their humor. On the original "Comedy Hour" the Brothers were very open about their objections to the Vietnam War and wrote skits satirizing the government.

Lookingglass Theater Company

Lookingglass Theater Company re-stages early work, The Secret in the Wings. As the second production in the new theater in the Water Tower Water Works, Mary Zimmerman directs the play which opens September 17th and runs through November 23rd. The story combines fairy tales to make an evening of dark and often giddy enchantment. Zimmerman received a 2002 Tony Award for her direction of Metamorphoses (a Lookingglass world premier).

Chicago Association for the Performing Arts

(CAPA): Concert Highlights for 2003-04 is as follows: September 25th Ballet Hispanico's Nightclub, Remember Shakti on October 1st and on October 3rd The Philip Glass Ensemble. October 13th brings the Singer/Songwriter Tour featuring Mary Chapin Carpenter and others. Ricky Skaggs and other perform on November 1st. Operating the Chicago Theater has been a privilege the CEO of CAPA a non-for-profit arts and entertainment presenter cited in a press release. For more information visit www.capa.com or call the Chicago Theater at (312-263-1138).

Pictured at the annual meeting are Southwest Symphony board members Riochard Dyott, Janet Waldogenuth and Joyce O'Meara, board and SSO member

Southwest Symphony Orchestra

The 2003-2004 season is the 40th Anniversary of the Oak Lawn orchestra. Saturday October 25th begins the season. A week-long vacation to Hawaii will be raffled. The one-week holiday is in a two bedroom townhouse that sleeps six. Raffle tickets are 3 for $25 or $10 each. For a season brochure or to obtain raffle tickets please call SSO at (708-802-0606).

Relatives and Friends rally around 5 year old with cancer

Kassidi Smith, daughter of Simon and Kelly Smith of Tinley Park, is a five year old who has been battling cancer for the last two years. At age four, she was diagnosed with a Wilm's Tumor, a cancer that attacks children's kidneys. She lost one of her kidneys along with massive tumor. Unfortunately, the cancer returned to attach her lungs. For the last eighteen months, she has endured a very devastating chemo treatment to reduce and cure the cancer in her lungs. Last July, a CT-scan showed that her cancer had increased even though she was taking chemo treatments all that time. Now, Kassidi faces even more chemo treatment to reduce the tumors and hopefully, make her a candidate for a stem cell transplant.

Members of her family and friends have joined together to sponsor a fundraising event scheduled for Friday, September 26, 2003 at the Sabre Room, 8900 West 95th Street in Hickory Hills. The party will start at 6:30 pm and feature a variety of Southside musicians, a family style buffet dinner, cash bar, a Silent Auction, and other raffles. Tickets are $20 per person. Children 6 and under are free.

Artists from around the Midwest have donated paintings, art objects and craftwork for the silent auction with something for everyone from the sports fan to the art lover. Other local retail stores, restaurants and businesses have donated gift certificates and other prizes for a colossal raffle. The music will range from country and folk to rock and back again. This evening of fun will not only be a good time, but also help a youngster whose life has been very difficult. The funds will help Kassidi's family with medical expenses.

Join the party! You can purchase a ticket at the door, order them by calling 708-4291[illegible] or checking out the website: www.[illegible].org.

Kassidi Smith Fund Raising Committee Plan September 26 event at the Sabre Room.

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(L to R back row) Janet Smith, Orland Park; Patti Alex, Orland Park; Gerri Munson, Worth; Mary Mancauka, Chicago Ridge; Lynn McCue, Chicago; Joan Davis, Palos Hills; Rita O'Toole, Chicago Ridge; Joan and Truman Smith, Homer Glen; and Betty Murray, Orland Park. **(Front Row)** Edward McCue, Chicago; Tammy Smith, Chicago; David and Tracy Smith, Frankfort; and Robert O'Toole, Chicago Ridge. **Committee Members not pictured:** Ken and Maribeth Clark, Tinley Park; Katelyn Clark, Tinley Park; Phil McEntee, Naperville; Michelle Miguwa, Tinley Park; Kelly Miller, Alsip; Chris O'Toole, Tinley Park; Dennis Shaughnessy, Mokena; Mike Shaughnessy, Chicago Ridge; Denise Smith, Chicago Ridge; Mark Smith, Orland Park; and Janet VanKampen, Tinley Park.

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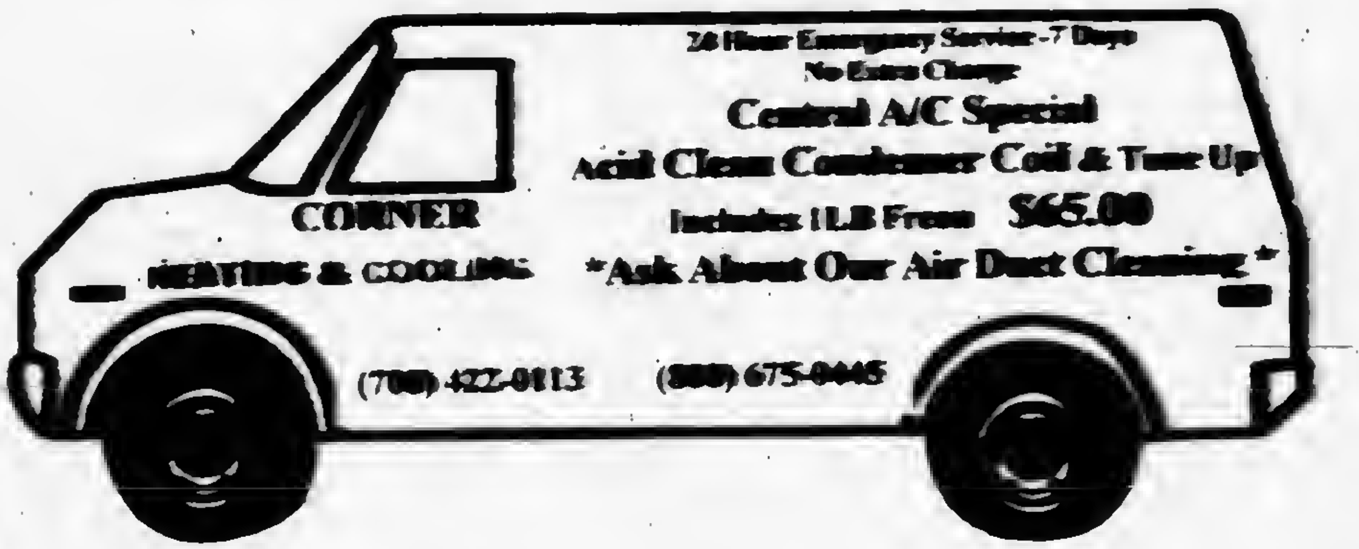

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A Virtual Reality in French

Thanks in part to a grant from the American Association of Teachers of French, students in the French language and Culture Studies Program in School District 123, Oak Lawn-Hometown, recreated the largest museum of art in the world: Le Musee du Louvre. Grade levels five through eight, through which the program spans, as well as graduates, worked on creating various artwork which would be found within any of the eight departments of this museum. The representation included:

Les Bijoux Precieux de la Couronne: original swords, daggers, crowns, jewelry and goblets

Le Departement de Dessins: pen and ink drawing of various well known Parisian monuments and places.

Le Departement de Sculptures: a multitude of wire sculptures, both still life and people.

Le Departement d'Antiquites Grecques et Romaines: the focal point of this department was a life-size Venus de Milo statue.

Les Arts Primitifs: Cave paintings were simulated to show how early man communicated his ideas.

Students were dressed in costumes of the period at each of the exhibits.

After viewing these departments, guests entered the gymnasium which had been transformed into a different sort of museum, The Musee de Cire. Here a simulated Parisian street, with dimly-lit lamp posts, waited for them. Students were frozen in place (in costume) waiting to have the red or blue button pushed so people could hear them in French or in English.

Next came Le Departement de Peintures: recreation of favorite artist and their paintings

Le Departement Egyptien et Oriental: paper mache mummies, and relics relating to Egypt and the Orient

and Objets d'Art et Meubles: specialized works of art, such as vases, furniture and thrones.

All in attendance were awestruck by their visit to Le Louvre and its sheer magnitude which echoed throughout the community as an absolute stunning example of excellence in education. This blending of fashion, music, history, art, language and culture served as a reminder and reinforced the importance of French and of its world wide contributions. Cooperation reigned as parents donated unselfishly of their time, in addition to that of many students, staff, and administration, unified by a single vision of the beauty of the French language and of the widespread influence of its culture. People carried on nonstop about their children, and how successful they were speaking French and grasping the essence of French culture.

Scholarship awarded

Elizabeth Sorice has received a Byron Morris Scholarship from The College of Wooster. Sorice, who will enter Wooster this fall, is a graduate of Chicago Christian High School in Palos Heights.

Byron Morris Scholarships are awarded each year to students who demonstrate significant community service activities and/or leadership within an academic or co-curricular setting.

The College of Wooster, located 50 miles southwest of Cleveland, Ohio, is an independent liberal arts college, nationally recognized for an innovative curriculum that emphasizes independent learning. Each Wooster senior creates an original research project, written work, performance or exhibit of artwork, supported one-on-one by a faculty mentor.

Police, parents & schools protect kids

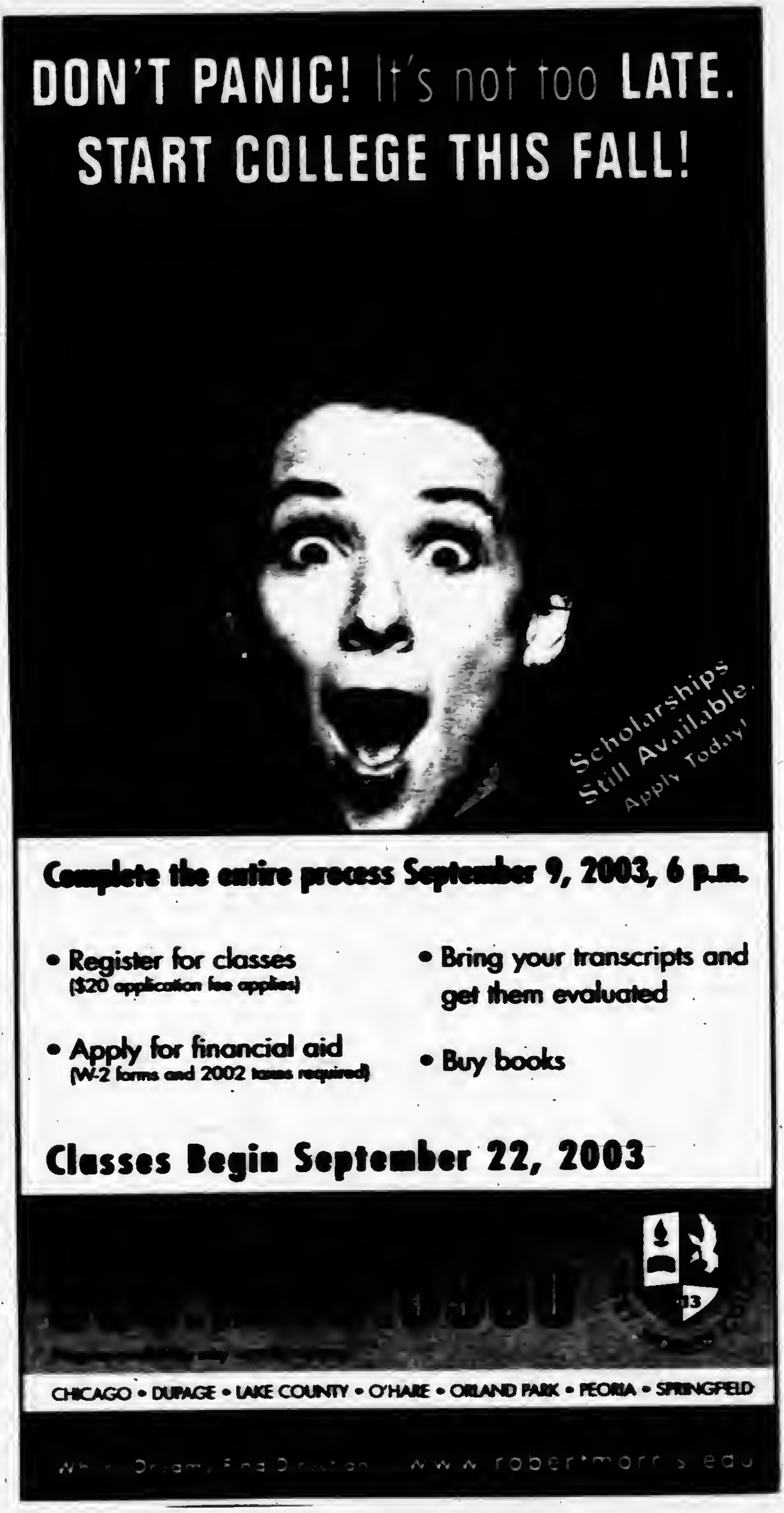
This past May during the closing days of the school year, two ten-year old girls in the Southwest Suburbs were approached by a man who repeatedly asked them if they wanted to take a ride in his van. They said no and quickly returned home to alert their parents, whom reported the incident to the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department. The local schools were informed of the attempted abduction and a letter was sent home with each student to warn parents. Sheriff's Police patrols where stepped-up around the schools and a few days later, ana alert officer spotted a van that fit the description given by the girls. The driver of the van was taken into custody and later identified by the two girls as the man who attempted to lure them into his van. The suspect was a registered sex offender who had previously served prison time for a series of sexual assaults.

This case was a text-book example of police, parents and schools working together to safeguard our children and catch a potential child predator Sharing information is vitally important if we are going to prevent child abductions. That is why the Cook County Sheriff's Office was one of the first policed agencies in the nation to post the names and photos of convicted sex offenders on the Internet. We wanted to arm parents with the information they need to keep their children safe. If a sex offender moves on to your block or is living near your child's school, you have a right to know.

By visiting cookcountysheriff.com, you can check the list of registered sex offenders in your neighborhood. We encourage you to share any relevent information you find with your neighbors and local school administrators.

The Sheriff's Office website also provides a long list of tips and strategies you can share with your kids to teach them how to protect themselves. You will find an on-line brochure for "Yell, Run and Tell," a new program offered by the Sheriff's Office that uses role playing and real life scenarios to prevent child abductions. The program, which is designed for students in Kindergarten through 3rd Grade, will be offered to schools throughout Cook County this Fall.

The "Yell, Run and Tell" program is a partnership between police and the schools, but it can only be successful if parents become active participants by reinforcing the lessons provided to the students. Unfortunately, getting ready for "back-to-school" entails more than buying our kids pencils, notebooks and new shoes. Please visit our website for the information you need to ensure your kids will be safe during the coming school year.



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The Active Consumer

The National Do Not Call Registry: Reducing Volume Of Calls From Telemarketers

(NAPS)—It's a familiar scene for most families: You've just gotten supper on the table when the phone rings...sure enough it's somebody trying to sell you something.

No matter what they're pushing, telemarketers often seem to call at the most inopportune times. In a sense, this isn't surprising, since these professional salespeople know that dinnertime is a good time to catch people at home.

It's now possible to cut down the number of telemarketing calls you receive. The federal government has created the National Do Not Call Registry, which puts consumers in charge of the telemarketing calls they get at home. You can register for free by phone or on the Web.

The Federal Trade Commission—the nation's consumer protection agency—and individual states will begin enforcing the registry on October 1, 2003. That's when consumers who registered their numbers by August 31, 2003, will notice a downturn in the number of telemarketing calls they get. After August 31, telemarketers will have three months from when a consumer registers to remove the number from call lists.

How does it work?

The new law requires telemarketers to search the registry every three months and "scrub" their call lists to remove phone numbers that are on the registry. If you receive telemarketing calls after your number has been in the registry for three months, you can file a complaint; a telemarketer who disregards the National Do Not Call Registry could be fined up to $11,000 for each call.

There's a new national registry for people who want to receive fewer telemarketing calls.

Placing your number on the registry will stop most telemarketing calls, but not all. For example, phone surveys, political organizations and charities are exempt and can call you even if your name is on the registry. However, most calls come from professional telemarketing companies, which are not exempt, even if they're calling on behalf of an exempt company.

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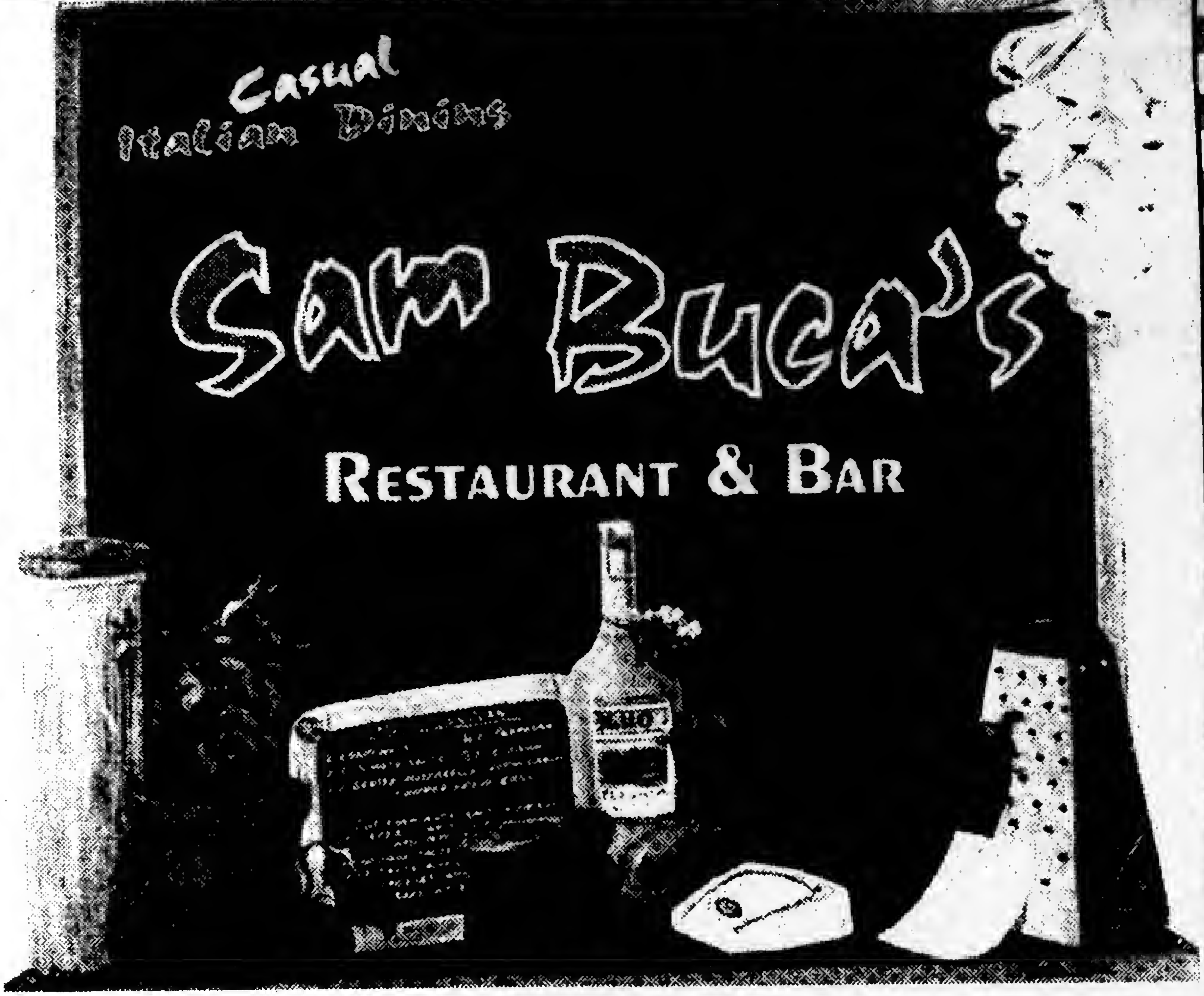

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Orland Park throws weight behind 'Orland grasslands' project

By David Vognar

In a move to lend support to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County's Orland Tract Restoration project, the village of Orland Park Tuesday, August 18, promised both emotional and personnel support to the continuing restoration effort within village borders. The 1,000-acre parcel of land, commonly known as the Orland grasslands project, is bordered by 167th Street to the north, La Grange Road to the east, 179th Street to the south and 104th Avenue to the west. The Orland grasslands comprise one of the largest lots of pristine land in the south suburbs.

The grasslands were originally acquired by the county in the 1960's and are currently undergoing a native plant reintroduction program. Fueled mostly by hundreds of volunteers concerned about the tract, the Forest Preserve District has been working assiduously to dig up foreign weeds, hay products, and non-native plants that were introduced to the area upon European settlement hundreds of years ago.

Thus far, volunteers and the district have seen stunning success. In addition to the reintroduction of native plant life, native birds have been spotted flocking back to the site. According to Forest Preserve District Conservationist Mike Conrad, wildlife enthusiasts have detected the likes of coyotes, deer, and even the endangered Henslow's sparrow on tract land.

With further improvements to the tract in the works, the Forest Preserve District and the Orland grasslands volunteers are looking for as much support as they can get, whether it be in the form of funds or local town support—political cachet can go a long way. Already looking for financial help from the deep pockets of the federal government (specifically its wetlands restorations coffers) and from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the friends of the Orland grasslands are now branching out to local communities to inform them of their ecological "diamond in the rough." Obtaining tangible support from these villages would be an added bonus.

And support came from all directions Tuesday night, including Trustee Edward Schussler, who volunteered the village's public relations experts to contact the Forest Preserve District about aiding in the mailing of brochures to talk up the Orland grasslands.

Schussler's other prime concern anent the grasslands had to do with the district's measures to abate flooding in the area by installing special preventive tiles throughout the tract. However, as Forest Preserve District representatives informed the board, due to a lack of funding from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, that phase in the tract's development will have to be put on hold until at least next spring. In other developments, Mayor Dan McLaughlin appointed both Joseph T. Gleiter and Margaret T. Conway to the historic preservation review commission, and Jeanne Muellner to the open lands fund commission. "They are extremely important to our government here in Orland Park," McLaughlin said. "It's a tremendous help."

McLaughlin also honored both employees and members of Orland's Lifetime Fitness for assisting in the successful rescuing of a fellow exerciser who underwent cardiac arrest recently at the health center. Nurse Eve Conversa, Jeffrey Vinyard, Doug Hargis, Bruce Bryant, Amy Fenton, Heather Thompson and Marylou Wakulich, all of whom aided CPR efforts until emergency medical help arrived, received "Pride of the Community" awards from the mayor.

Chamber members learn more about each other

The Orland Park Chamber of Commerce recently offered its first networking breakfast hosted by Barb Rains at Orland School District 135. Over 50 area businesses were represented at this 1-1/2 hour networking opportunity. The goal of this event is to have the members meet 10 new people. Those in attendance had the opportunity to tell others what makes their business special and to learn about other businesses in their chamber. The moderator was Dr. David Rompala of the Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center.

The next networking event will be be hosted by Carole Madsen at Alden Prairie Village, 177th and LaGrange Road in Orland Park, from 7:45 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Sept. 11.

For more information about this Chamber networking opportunity, please call the Chamber office at 708/349-2972.

Road, Metra station improvements in the works for Oak Forest

By David Vognar

The city of Oak Forest, at its Tuesday, August 26, 2003 meeting, approved a measure to begin work with Baxter and Woodman consulting engineers on a transportation improvement plan for the city's streets. Over the next four months, Baxter and Woodman will devise a five-year extensive outline of the city's streets, including their length, condition and need of improvement. The City Council also authorized the firm to include in its report cost estimates for pavement, gutter and curbside improvements.

The impetus for the city's report request, as well as its desire for a long-term guideline, stems from Oak Forest's recent good fortune in the fiscal arena. Instead of the usual year-by-year road improvement planning, the city is now able to ink an extensive plan due to the boon of motor fuel tax [MFT] funds. MTF funds, collected from local filling stations, come at an especially critical time for a city without a handle on its street improvement needs.

Typically, the city sets aside approximately $1 million of budgetary space for road improvements, but does so blindly, contends City Administrator Kent D. Royster. The designated budget funds had previously just been estimated figures, lacking any specific road improvement plan from which to base budget estimates. Therefore, the $1 million might have been able to repair 10 streets one year, but only six the next. "This will allow us to plan better how we're going to spend out money," Royster said.

Baxter and Woodman associate Louis D. Haussmann claimed that there was an added bonus to the long-term planning. A better estimate of the cost of sanitation or water pipe repairs, Haussmann said, can be accrued by using the plan's proposed street database. According to Baxter and Woodman's preliminary plans, the database—to be created after surveying is completed—would be constantly updated and would be available to the city for all future planning. The database would include street demographics, proportions, and rank the city's streets in a need-based list.

The Oak Forest Metra station area also stands to undergo some renovation in the future. Though the area, near the intersection of Cicero and 159th Street, will not see any improvements soon, some essential steps were taken during a citizens' forum meeting prior to the City Council meeting. Citizens heard out initial plans from the city and architects for the general vicinity. As for now, the area's designers are still fielding concerns from citizens, ranging from the use of tax increment financing [TIF] zones for residential space to traffic concerns: designing a conceptual plan outlining potential design difficulties is the next step in the city's plan. In other proceedings, the fate of Smuggler's Cove and its desired arcade additions remained unsettled Tuesday, as the council opted not to vote on the proposed measure to increase the number of arcade games from 4 to 8. One primary assurance for Alderman Gregory Simos was that the arcade games be violence-free and that those selections could be approved by the council. Though the establishment's arcade game leaser David Boone argued that the additions would fall more into the category of skee-ball or stuffed-animal crane games, when the council became aware that the owner of Smuggler's Cave was absent, it decided to continue the debate at a later time.

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Autumn adventures await travelers in Illinois

From early settlers and civil War heroes to wineries and corn mazes, exploration and adventure have long been part of the fall season in Illinois. Offering numerous pumpkin patches, themed corn labyrinths, wine festivals and historic battle reenactments, Illinois is a colorful blend of history, heritage and harvest this fall.

Pumpkin Patches:

As the nation's pumpkin-producing state, Illinois has everything from the world's pumpkin capital in Morton to quaint roadside patches.

The Didier Farms Pumpkinfest, September 27 - October 31, in Prairie View, offers 20 acres for pumpkin hunting and fresh produce straight from the fields for sale at the farm stand. Pumpkin pickers are taken to and from the patches by hayride, while guests back on the farm enjoy entertaining activities such as exploring a five acre corn maze, taking pony rides, lounging at the Pumpkin Patch Cafe and participating in barn activities. Call 847-634-3291 (www.didierfarms.com).

Other great times and places to pick and purchase pumpkins in Illinois include:

18th annual St. Charles Scarecrow Festival from October 10 - 12, in St. Charles, hosts a Scarecrow Contest, live entertainment, children's events and the Autumn on the Fox Art & Craft Show. The festival showcases more than 100 handmade scarecrows, which can be entered in five categories, traditional, whimsical, mechanical children's and local business, for visitor voting. Call 800-777-4373 (www.scarecrowfest.com).

The Great Pumpkin Patch, September 14 - November 1, in Lyndon, has many attractions, including the children's LM&J short line railroad that takes pumpkin seekers first through a forest and then up to a magical pumpkin patch. Call 815-778-4856.

Pumpkin Works 2003, October 1 - 31, in Paris, offers nine mazes, including a six acre "Jungle Maze" corn maze, a haunted house, hayrides, bonfires and other family activities. Call 217-275-3327 (www.pumpkinworks.com).

Galesburg Scarecrow Festival, October 4 and 5, in Standish Park, features a scarecrow contest with five categories: historical, whimsical, children's, local business and traditional. As an official stop on the Knox County Scenic Drive, visitors along the drive serve as judges by voting for the category winners among the hundreds of festive scarecrows. Call 800-916-3330 (www.visitgalesburg.com).

Great Southern Scarecrow Exhibition, October 3 and 4, in Carbondale, features pumpkin faced scarecrows, live music concerts, puppet displays and hands on activities. Call 618-457-5100.

The Great Godfrey Maze, August 30 - November 1, in Godfrey, is a maze carved into a seven acre field featuring a new theme each year. This year's theme celebrates the Lewis and Clark bicentennial. Call 618-466-1483 (www.greatgodfreymaze. com).

Harvest Celebrations:

Travelers can experience the many colors, faces and tastes in Illinois at harvest and heritage festivals throughout the state. Wienerschnitzel and sauerbraten, apple strudel and barbecue fill visitors' stomachs while the outdoor activities and fall foliage fill the streets and skies.

The 35th Annual Barry Apple Festival, October 3 - 5, celebrates everything apple in the quaint, historic town of Barry, which is sandwiched between Monroe City and Pittsfield. A parade winds through the city where local music bands and a craft show entertain visitors. Apple pies, ice cream and strudels are all specialities. Old time crafts, local bluegrass band performances and a car show complete the weekend. Call 217-285-2971.

Other not to miss Illinois harvest festivals include:

Chicago's Berghoff Oktoberfest, September 3 - 6, held near Adams Street, features live music, food and locally brewed specialty drinks. Call 312-427-3170 (www.berghoff.com).

11th Annual Long Grove Apple Fest, October 3 - 5, hosts a bevy of apple inspired treats. Call 847-634-0888 (www.longgroveonline.com).

Fall Fest on the Rock, September 27 and 28, between Rock Falls and Sterling in Utica, features musical entertainment, antiques and collectibles and a horseshoe tournament. Call 815-626-0025 (www.rockfallsil.com).

Apple and Pork Festival, September 27 and 28, in Clinton, offers DeWitt County Museum tours, apple and pork delicacies, antiques and live entertainment. Call 217-935-3364 (www.clintonillinois.com/tourism-pages/ApplePork).

Anna's Apple Festival, September 27 and 28, in Anna, provides travelers with an old fashioned rope swing, a 40 foot slide and apple butter making demonstrations. Call 618-833-5533 (www.boyd orchards.com).

Wine Festivals:

Illinois is home to 33 wineries, some of which host seasonal festivals, tastings and tours. Southern Illinois' Shawnee Hills Wine Trail is known for its four award winning wineries and rustic scenery. Two of the wineries, the Alto and Owl Creek vineyards, team up every fall with local vendors to host the **Fall Wine Festival**. This year the festival takes place October 11 and 12 and provides live music, seafood, steak and some of the state's best wine, including a unique blueberry varietal.

For more information, contact the Alto Vineyards at 618-893-4898 (www.altovineyards.net) or the Owl Creek Vineyard at 618-893-2557 (www.owlcreekvineyard.com).

Other Illinois wine festivals:

Nouveau Wine Festival, November 21, at Galena Cellars in Galena, celebrates the release of this year's new vintage with special luncheons at area restaurants. The wine is delivered to the restaurants by horse drawn wagons along Main Street. Visitors can stay overnight and enjoy an evening of dancing with a live band at the DeSoto House Hotel. Call 815-777-3330.

Illinois Art and Wine Festival, September 27 and 28, in Wilmington, showcases 50 statewide artists and 30 wineries. Call 618-7629-2220.

Re-enactments:

Fall's scenic beauty can be found throughout Illinois, but the changing of colors marks a change of more than just seasons at many of Illinois' historic locations. Illinoisans celebrate their heritage each fall with a series of re-enactments featuring mock Civil War battles with soldiers in full battle dress, pioneers in their prairie clothes and medieval actors donning their costumes.

Just north of Salem, **Ingram's Pioneer Log Cabin Village** commemorates the Civil War with a series of living history weekends from September 20 - October 12. Visitors watch as uniformed soldiers from "The North" and "The South" perform a mock battle using the same type of weaponry as used in the 1860s. As one of the largest private collections of authentic, pre Civil War log structures in the United States, the campus hosts a grocery store, apothecary, cobbler's shop, church and post office, all open for tours. Call 618-547-3241 (www.stepintohistory.com).

Other re-enactments and fairs include:

Camp Fuller Festival, September 13, in Rockford, hosts a re-enactment held on the site of a Civil War camp that supported four Illinois regiments and now celebrates the history with refreshments, period games and entertainment. Call 815-968-7958 (www.rockfordnorthend.com).

The Candlelight Tour of New Salem, October 25, in New Salem, features interpreters dressed in periods clothing as they guide visitors through Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site after dark. Call 217-632-4000 (www.lincolnnewsalem.com).

6th Annual Labyrinth Medieval Fair, October 10 and 11, in Barry, offers 15th century fare, dancing and crafts. Call 217-335-2670 (www.applebasketfarms.com).

Camp River Dubois, September 13 - November 27, in Hartford, features re-enactments of preparations for Lewis and Clark's expedition. Call 618-251-2680-ext. 15 (www.hartfordillinois.net).

The Illinois Bureau of Tourism offers free travel resources for additional information on fall adventures, attractions and festivals. All are available by calling 800-2CONNECT to speak with an Illinois travel counselor or by visiting the bureau's Web site at www.enjoyillinois.com.

The fall issue of "Illinois Now," a seasonal magazine devoted exclusively to travel in Illinois, will be available mid-September for fall travel planning. The magazine can be obtained by calling 800-2CONNECT or by visiting the bureau's Web site.

State Bar Association honors lawyers

The Illinois State Bar Association has conferred the title "Senior Counsellor" on 143 of its members who have been in the practice of law for 50 years.

The Senior Counsellors will be honored at a luncheon July 17 at the Standard Club in Chicago.

Members of the Class of 1953 will receive a certificate expressing the gratitude of the state Bar for their long and faithful service and will be placed on "privileged" member status.

The Senior Counsellors from the Chicago area are as follows:

From Chicago: Howard R. Barron. Aaron P. Brill. Robert Brady. John Burke. Norman M. Chase. Edward X. Clinton. Justice William Cousins. George Dvorak. Martin Faier. Norman Finkel. Herbert Fisher. Mitchell S. Goldgehn. Hollis Green. Judge Calvin Hall. Glenn R. Heyman. John W. Hupp. Howard Lidov. Charles E. Lindell. Richard M. Lyon. Ralph A. Mantyn-band. Siva Martin. Chief Justice Mary Ann Mc Morrow. Marvin Metge, Paul J. Miller, Robert Milnikel. William Myers. Earl Neal. Lawrence Pusateri. Maurice P. Raizes. James Regas, Eugene L. Resnick. John Rich-man. Herbert I. Rothbart, James Silliman, Walter Soroka, Paul Vishny, William Von-derheide, Herman S. Werner, James N. Zartman, Lloyd L. Zickert.

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From Summit: Joseph C. Balich.

From Tinley Park: Marvin Shore.

State Library named for former poet

The Illinois State Library was named today in honor of the late Pulitzer Prize winning Illinois poet laureate Gwendolyn Brooks during a dedication ceremony held at the library.

Almost 400 persons watched as Nora Brooks Blakely, the poet's daughter, unveiled a plaque commemorating the event. The plaque will be permanently mounted on a marble base located in the front of the library.

The Illinois General Assembly approved a resolution this spring sponsored by Senate President Emil Jones Jr. and House Speaker Michael J. Madigan urging the State of Illinois to rename the Illinois State Library the Gwendolyn Brooks Illinois State Library.

Ms. Brooks, who resided all her life in Chicago and died in 2000, was the first African American to win the Pulitzer Prize in 1950 for her second published volume of verse, Annie Allen. In 1968, Ms. Brooks was named Illinois poet laureate, succeeding Carl Sandburg and she served as poet laureate until her death.

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White hosted the ceremony.

Among the dignitaries honoring Ms. Brooks were Governor Rod Blagojevich, President Jones, Speaker Madigan and State Representative Lovana Jones.

Among her other life achievements, Ms. Brooks was awarded the prestigious Frost Medal and National Medal of Arts; she was named a "Living Legend" by the Library of Congress; was named Jefferson Lecturer by the National Endowment for the Humanities; was awarded more than seventy-five honorary degrees from colleges and universities; received a lifetime achievement award from the National Endowment for the Arts and a National Book Foundation Award for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters. She established the Illinois Poet Laureate Awards in 1969 to encourage elementary and high school students to write.

She married Henry L. Blakely in 1939 and together they had two children, Nora Brooks Blakely and Henry Blakely Jr.

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Worth Days to see better days

by David Wagner

Though the meeting's topic was all fun and games Thursday, August 28, at Worth Village Hall, the atmosphere at the special meeting held to discuss the fate of next year's Worth Days was all but light. That's because the village's annual late-summer festival is in trouble. With speculation abound concerning the financial troubles the village foresaw in continuing the festival on a scale similar to this year's festivities, the village extended invitations to representatives from the local American Legion, PTA and Boy Scouts to help brainstorm a solution for the sustaining of this village's yearly tradition. Though the meeting's details have no effect on this year's scheduled Worth Days, September 6-7, important guidelines were set for maintaining the event for next year.

One main reason why Worth Days is in danger of being substantially scaled-down in size and cost is that a primary revenue provider will soon be closing its doors. The Worth bingo operation, which five years ago drew 200 bingo players a night, is now only receiving an average of 140 per evening. The bingo profits went directly towards Worth Days, and in the past have provided appreciable help in expanding Worth Days to its current status as a festival of amusement games, flea markets and entertainment. Just recently, the bingo fundraising board voted to discontinue the games. This move follows a trend of lowered gaming profits and a $14 deficit last month. "There's got to be some way to get these funds," said Village President Ed Guzdziol, "and bingo is not the answer."

Unfortunately, what might have to be the answer is a reduced quality festival. The special committee mulled over the option of discontinuing the annual fireworks display, or at least scaling it down from its average $20,000 price tag. The fest's parade, an age-old staple of the affair, was also considered for downgrading, as were the entertainment and amusement attractions.

However, as Trustees Randy Keller and Kevin Werner noted, carnival rides may prove to be an important drawing factor for the fest. Vendors, who are enticed to sell their wears to large crowds, could back out of the activity if the carnival is taken out of the plan. In addition, overall attendance and fundraising could suffer without the prospect of a carnival—a big incentive for children and families.

Including a carnival again next year would limit the village in other ways though, as the carnival would most likely have to be open for both days of the festival in order to turn a profit on ride tickets. Thus, the village was at a crossroads: on one hand, not wanting to spread its finances too thin for a village fest, and on the other trying to provide Worth citizens with an entertaining community event.

The good news about Worth Days' current funding crisis is that the next festival is a year away. Various solutions exist to alleviate the crunch, including recruiting of scouts and volunteers to work fundraising tents, raising the rent fee for crafts-sellers, and establishing a beer tent. As Village President Guzdziol reiterated, the point of this early planning is not to make money, but rather to provide Worth citizens with an event they can be proud of. With another special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, that soon could be a reality once again.

Palos Heights holds meeting

by Carlene E. O'Connor

At the Palos Heights meeting of August 19, the city council voted unanimously to negotiate a contract with Busse Consulting concerning Lake Katherine TIF. They also discussed adopting Yas/Fischel Partnership, Harlem Avenue's redevelopment plan, as a master plan for development and enhancement of Harlem Avenue from the Cal-sag on the North to 135th Street on the South.

This would include businesses on Harlem Avenue with parking lots designed to be put behind them. Sidewalk areas would also be placed. The plan is expected to take ten years to completely be done.

High School District 230, Superintendent Patrick McMahon, sent a letter to the city council requesting full disclosure of all TIF funds.

There will be a Memorial Service in Palos Heights on September 11 at Memorial Park in front of City Hall. It will begin at 7:30 a.m.

Palos Heights single-family homes will now have a new trash company. Green Services, at a savings of $5 a month to residents and $30,000 a year to the city, will be the hauler. With the new company there will be fewer trucks on the street and residents will be billed semi-annually.

If you have questions, call Hank Potts at the company. Everyone should receive a container by September 1.

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Chicago Ridge Library hosts programs

Drop in crafts

Two sessions of Drop in Crafts will be offered for children at the Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, during the month of September. Dates and times are Tuesday, September 2, and Tuesday, September 16, from 2:00-4:30 in the afternoon. Children ages 3-5 must be accompanied by an adult. Children age 6 and up may attend on their own. Registration is not required. Just drop in, stay for any length of time, and enjoy a potpourri of crafts.

For more information, call the Library at 708/423-7753.

Magic School Bus Party

Children age 3 and up who love the Magic School Bus books are invited to celebrate the books at a party at Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford on Saturday, September 6, at 2:00. The celebration will include books, games, refreshments, and raffle prizes. Registration for the program begins Saturday, August 23 and may be done in person or by phone 708/423-7753. Children age 3-5 must be accompanied by an adult.

Backpack Safety

What does your child carry in his/her backpack? How much does that backpack weigh when full of books and other school supplies? What is the safest way to carry a backpack? These questions and many more will be addressed by Dr. Jeanette Fekes, a local doctor of chiropractic medicine, at the library on Thursday, September 4 at 7:00 p.m. The program will last for an hour and is open to children, parents, and anyone else interested in this subject. Please register in person or by phone, at 708/423-7753, beginning Saturday, August 23.

Fall reading programs

The Youth Services department at the Library will begin its fall reading program, "Free to Read", on September 29. Children can register for the program that day and begin reading immediately. The program is open to children age 3 through grade 8. One book per week is the reading requirement. Prizes will be awarded each week for the books read.

Story Times

Registration for Chicago Ridge residents will begin Monday, September 8, and for non-residents on Wednesday, September 10. Registration is in person only. Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis only and group sizes are limited.

Toddler Time for two-year-olds and a parent or adult caregiver will be offered by the library. The Fall Session will be held on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 and again at 10:00 am beginning on Tuesday, September 30, continuing through November 18.

Story Time for 3, 4 and 5 year olds will be offered by the Library. The Fall Session will begin on Wednesday evening, October 1 continuing through November 19, and will meet from 6:30-7:15 in the evening. Story Time sessions will be repeated on Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:15 and from 10:30-11:15, and on Thursday afternoons from 1:30-2:15. This group will begin on October 2, and will continue through November 20.

Story Hour for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders will be offered by the library. The Fall Session will begin on Thursday, October 2 and will continue through November 20. The sessions will meet from 3:30-4:30.

Kids' Chess Club

Club for kids in grades 2-6 will start on Monday, September 8. This group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Kids who want to learn to play chess or to compete with others can drop in at the library from 3:30-4:30.

For more information about the book discussion group, Culture Club (the theme this year is French speaking countries), or other programs, call the library at 708/423-7753.

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[illegible] St. Charles Scarecrow Festival October 10 – 12, in St. Charles, [illegible] children's events and the Autumn on the Fox Art & Craft Show. The festival showcases more than 100 handmade scarecrows, which are judged in five categories: traditional, whimsical, mechanical, children's and team [illegible]. Call 800-777-4373 (www.scarecrowfest.com).

The Great Pumpkin Patch September 14 – November 1, in [illegible], has many attractions, including the children's [illegible] train ride that takes pumpkin seekers first through [illegible] to a [illegible] pumpkin patch. Call 815-[illegible]-4856

Pumpkin Works 2003, October 1 – 31, in [illegible], offers [illegible], including a [illegible] Maze, [illegible] rides, bonfires and other family activities. Call 217-279-3327 (www.pumpkinworks.com).

[illegible] Scarecrow Festival October 4 and 5, in [illegible] Park, features a scarecrow contest with five categories: [illegible], children's, [illegible] and traditional. As an official stop on the [illegible] County Scenic Drive, [illegible] judges by voting for the category winners among the hundreds of festive scarecrows. Call 800-[illegible]-3380 (www.[illegible].com).

[illegible] Scarecrow Exhibition October 3 and 4, in [illegible], features pumpkin [illegible], scarecrow [illegible], pumpkin [illegible]. Call [illegible]-5000.

The [illegible], August 30 – November 1, in [illegible], [illegible] your [illegible] Lewis and Clark bicentennial. Call 618-[illegible]-1485 (www.[illegible].com).

Harvest Celebrations:

Travelers can experience the many colors, flavors and tastes in Illinois at harvest and [illegible] throughout the state. [illegible] apple [illegible] fall [illegible] while the [illegible] and [illegible] sites.

The [illegible] Annual [illegible] Apple Festival October [illegible] – 5, celebrates everything apple in the [illegible] town of [illegible], which is [illegible] between [illegible] and [illegible]. A parade [illegible] through the city [illegible] visitors. Apple [illegible], cider and [illegible] specialties. Other crafts, local [illegible] complete the weekend. Call 217-[illegible]-5971.

Other not to miss Illinois harvest festivals include:

Chicago's [illegible] September 5 – 6, [illegible] Adams Street, features live music, food and locally brewed specialty drinks. Call 312-[illegible]-3700 (www.[illegible].com).

[illegible] Annual [illegible] October 3 – 5, [illegible]. Call 309-[illegible] (www.[illegible].com).

[illegible] Fest, September 27 and 28, [illegible]. Call 815-[illegible] (www.[illegible].com).

Apple and Pork Festival, September 27 and 28, in Clinton [illegible] County, [illegible] apple and pork [illegible]. Call 217-935-3364 (www.[illegible]Apple[illegible]).

[illegible] Apple Festival, September 27 and 28, in Alton, provides [illegible] with an old-fashioned [illegible], and [illegible] apple [illegible]. Call 618-[illegible]-5555 (www.[illegible].com).

Wine Festivals:

Illinois is home to 35 wineries, some of which host seasonal festivals, [illegible] Southern Illinois' Shawnee Hills Wine Trail is [illegible] [illegible]. Two of the wineries, the Alto and [illegible] Creek vineyards, team up every fall [illegible] the Fall Wine Festival. This year the festival takes place October 11 and 12 and provides live music, [illegible] one of the [illegible].

For more information, contact the Alto Vineyards at 618-893-4898 [illegible] Creek Vineyard at 618-[illegible]-5557 (www.[illegible].com).

Other Illinois wine festivals:

[illegible] Wine Festival, November 22, at Galena [illegible], celebrates the release of this year's new vintage with special [illegible] restaurants. The [illegible] Main Street. Visitors can stay overnight and enjoy an evening of dancing with a live band at the DeSoto House Hotel. Call 815-777-3300.

[illegible] Wine Festival, September 27 and 28, in [illegible], showcases 30 [illegible] wineries. Call 618-[illegible]-2200.

Reenactments:

[illegible]

Just north of [illegible] is [illegible] Log Cabin Village [illegible] the Civil War with an [illegible] September 20 – October 12. Visitors [illegible] "The North" and "The South" [illegible] weaponry [illegible] 1860s. As one of the largest private collections of authentic pre-Civil War log structures in the United States, the [illegible] general store, apothecary, children's shop, church and post office, all open for tours. Call 618-[illegible]-2314 (www.[illegible].com).

Other reenactments and [illegible] include:

Camp Butler Festival September 13, in [illegible], [illegible] the site of a Civil War camp that supported four Illinois regiments [illegible] period games and [illegible]. Call 815-968-[illegible] (www.rockford[illegible].com).

The Candlelight Tour of New Salem October 25, in New Salem, features [illegible] dressed in period clothing [illegible] Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site [illegible]. Call 217-632-4000 (www.[illegible]).

[illegible] Annual [illegible] Fair October 10 and 11, [illegible] crafts. Call 217-[illegible] (www.[illegible]).

Camp River Dubois September 13 – November 22, in Hartford, [illegible] of preparations for Lewis and Clark's expedition. Call 618-251-[illegible] ext. 15 (www.[illegible]).

The Illinois Bureau of Tourism offers free travel resources for additional information on [illegible] attractions and festivals. All are available by calling 800-2CONNECT or [illegible] Web site at www.[illegible].

The [illegible] "Illinois Now" [illegible] will be available [illegible] September for fall travel planning. The magazine can be obtained by calling 800-2CONNECT or by visiting the bureau's Web site.

Church Picnic to be held

St. Paul Lutheran Church, [illegible] W. [illegible] Street, Oak Lawn, will hold its annual picnic on Sunday, September 7th. Worship service at [illegible] will be held [illegible]. [illegible] worship service will be held at 10:30 am in the picnic grove in back of the church.

Food serving begins at 11:30 am and continues all afternoon. There will be a variety of delicious foods [illegible] hamburgers, [illegible] German [illegible] desserts, and a selection of beverages at very reasonable prices.

There will be fun and games, [illegible] prizes for all children. A clown will do face painting!

For the adults and teens there will be a Horseshoe Tournament, a [illegible] Tournament plus [illegible] Bingo. You won't want to miss the annual Egg Toss or FREE prize drawing for adults and children.

Come spend a delightful day with your family and friends, going to church and then staying for the picnic.

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Sunday, September 14, 2003 at 11:30 am at Central Middle School, [illegible] Oak Park Ave.

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Evergreen Park resident reports rat problem

By Mike Mayer

At the September 2nd Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting, a resident in the 9400 S. Sawyer block reported rat problems. The resident stated that the rats have been living in the alley, which also has a weed problem. She complained that dumpsters from the apartments are overflowing and due to the rain runoff there are empty candy, snack wrappers and pop cans littered throughout the alley, all of which are providing a food source for the rats.

She stated that the problem has existed over the past two years and that the animal warden has set traps which have snapped, but nothing has been caught. And now the rats have infiltrated her back yard. She is concerned that the rats will enter the house and also bite someone. The resident also stated that she had a deck built last year and is afraid to use it on the back yard. She stated she feels "captive in her own home."

Mayor Sexton stated that the neighbors need to maintain the alley, cleaning the debris and weeds behind their property. Sexton stated that this is not only the village's responsibility and suggested that the resident talk to her neighbors. Sexton also stated that he would send someone out to check out the problem.

Representatives from Walgreen's requested to extend walk-in hours for the store at 95th and Central Park from 7 AM to 12 PM everyday, including the drive-thru, [illegible] through Friday. Walgreen's was represented by legal counsel as well as the District Manager and the Store Manager to address questions from neighboring residents who were also in attendance. Complaints, such as cars waiting in line for up to 15 minutes with their headlights shining in a house directly across from the drive-thru, exceptionally loud speaker systems, as well as trucks loading and unloading next to the houses at 1 am or 4 am, and customers and employees cars in the parking lot, blaring their boom boxes late into the evening, were voiced by residents.

Also the Walgreen's is not closing the drive-thru gate after the drive-thru has closed for the night and the parking lot lights are remaining on until 1 am or 2 am. After a considerable amount of dialogue, Trustee [illegible] made a motion for Walgreen's to have a 90 day preliminary period in which time, walk-in trade only hours would be extended. However, the drive-thru hours would remain the same. After the 90 day period if the Village feels that Walgreen's has either resolved or has make a concerted effort to resolve the problems, the request would be approved permanently for walk-in trade only. Mayor Sexton broke the tied vote to approve the probationary extension. Sexton requested that Police Chief Saunders increase patrols of the parking lot throughout the evening.

The board also approved a 4.99% library tax levy increase. It was also reported that the 95th and Western streetscape project had begun [illegible]

(Front row, left to right) Hannah Hoffmann, Katherine Waters and Jenny Ellement. (Back row) [illegible], Carly Lester, Lizzie Egan and Angie Romero.

Children's photo contest winners announced

The Oak Lawn Public Library recently announced the winners of their children's photo contest, "Calling All Paparazzi!"

Seventy children, in kindergarten through tenth grade, participated in the photography contest as a part of the library's summer reading program, "Lights, Camera, Read!" Their assignment was to take a photograph of someone important in their life reading a book. Eleven winning photos were chosen; all entries are now on display in the Youth Services Department. For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

Friends of the Park formed

Long-time resident of Burbank, Alice [illegible] loves the newly renovated Owens Park across the street from her home in Burbank, and she loves talking with the children that play there. In hopes of keeping the parks safe and free from vandalism for the children, Alice began a club called "Friends of the Park." With the help of some young boys and girls and her own grandkids, Alice watches over the park and notifies the park district staff of any problems.

This club will meet monthly at Owens Park district at 79th and LeClaire. For more information, please call Burbank Park District at 708-599-2070. Thanks to all the residents surrounding Owens Park for their support!

Oak Lawn has new Fire Captain

By Mike Mayer

Trustee Ronald Stancik presided as chairman Pro tem over the September 9th board of trustees meeting, which commenced with Village Clerk Jane Powers administering the oath of office for the following Fire Department promotions: Fire Lieutenant [illegible] was promoted to Fire Captain; Fire Fighter William Rosser to Fire Lieutenant; and Firefighter Scott McGrail to Fire Engineer.

The board approved a subdivision request from LSR Consolidation of 1 lot with a lot depth variance at 9814 S. Mayfield Ave. The board also approved a subdivision request by [illegible] Consolidation of 1 lot at 5744 W. 89th St. as well as a petition request for lot coverage, side yard width, and equal yard variations.

The board approved to post the west side of Central Ave between 88th St and 89th Pl. "Residential Permit Parking Only", as well as a posted 2 hour parking limit on the east and west sides of 68th Ct. between 95th to a point 133' north between the hours of 6AM and 6PM except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

The board approved the following ordinances: for RLG - Oak Lawn at 5100 W. 95th St., an amendment to the Village of Oak Lawn zoning ordinance. Approval of a special use to allow multi-family residential dwellings in the C-2 General Service zoning district. Granting building height, driveway width and transitional yard width variations, as well as granting certain parking variations.

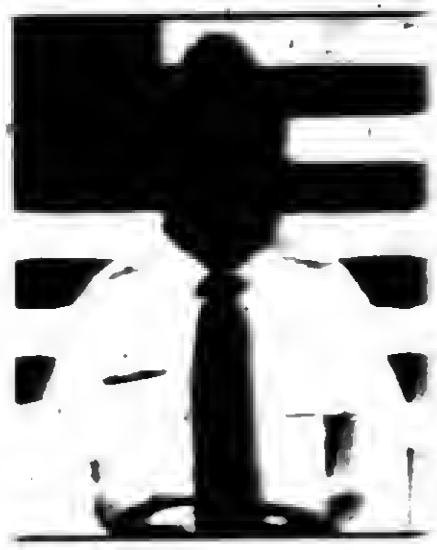
An amendment of the Village of Oak Lawn zoning ordinance for InSite LLC at 9428 and 9446 South 54th Ave., 9433 and 9435 South 54th Ct., and 5400, 5410-14 and 5420 West 95th St was also approved. The board also approved a special use ordinance allowing a coffee shop in a (Public Lands) zoning district at the Oak Lawn Public Library.

Village Clerk Jane Powers announced that at the Fall on the Green on Saturday evening, the Raiders Social Athletic Club presented a check to the Village in the amount of $1,000.00 for the Ernest F. Kolb Memorial Fund.

The board approved the St. Gerald Athletic Association Homecoming parade on September 28th as well as the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce - Oak Lawn Community High School Homecoming Parade on October 11th.

The meeting concluded with the board approving Trustee Ronald Stancik as designated voting delegate and Trustee William Keane as alternate for the National League of Cities Conference.

News from the Military



Air National Guard Jason G. Jordan has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Jordan is the brother of Shaun Karp of Oak Lawn.

David A. Smart has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) National Advanced Leadership Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Washington.

The camp provides the best possible professional training for all cadets in the aspects of camp life, administration and logistical support. Although continued military training and leadership development is included in the curriculum, the primary focus at camp is to develop and evaluate each cadet's officer potential. The cadet command assesses each cadet's performance and progress in officer traits, qualities and professionalism while at camp.

Smart is the son of David A. and Paula L. Smart of Oak Lawn. He is a 1999 graduate of H.L. Richards High School, Oak Lawn, and is currently attending De Paul University, Chicago.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Floyd G. McLendon, Jr., a 1991 graduate of Harold Richards High School, Oak Lawn, recently returned from a deployment to the Arabian Gulf while assigned to the amphibious transport dock ship USS Cleveland, homeported in San Diego, CA.

McLendon was one of more than 1,300 Sailors and Marines aboard the Cleveland deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

During the deployment, McLendon's ship moved Marines and their equipment from Camp Pendleton, California to the Kuwaiti Naval Base.

McLendon's ship also traveled from the Arabian Gulf to the Mediterranean Sea to serve as flagship for Mine Countermeasures Squadron 2.

McLendon's ship is an amphibious transport dock ship with a large flight deck and welldeck designed to transport, launch and control embarked helicopters, amphibious assault vehicles and other waterborne craft.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Floyd G. McLendon, Jr., a 1982 graduate of John F. Kennedy, Chicago, recently returned from a deployment to the Western Pacific while assigned to the guided missile frigate USS Curts, homeported in San Diego, CA.

Clady was one of more than 200 Sailors deployed to participate in the Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training Exercise 2003 in Southeast Asia.

During the deployment, Clady's ship trained with navies from Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, India and Indonesia to promote combined naval operation, coo-perative engagement and good will.

Clady's ship is an Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided missile frigate whose primary mission is anti-submarine warfare. The ship is also equipped with anti-aircraft missiles and guns for surface action.

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MWRD recieves IL safety award

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago earned a Safety and Health Award, from the Illinois safety Council, for its outstanding safety transportation practices and performance at the Fulton County Prairie Plant, Downstate. The award is presented to organizations nationwide that maintain a safe ands healthy working environment for its employees, and for striving to reduce the number of accidents at its facility in 2002.

Pictured accepting the award from the left are: Steve Levy, Assistant chief Engineer; Thomas O'Connor, Chief of Maintenance and Operations (rear left); Edward Karpinski, Senior Safety coordinator (rear right); George Hiles, President of Illinois Safety Council (center) and ?commissioner Cynthia Santos.

Dean's "sleepless" summer tour hits Navy Pier

By David Vognar

With Lake Michigan to his back and a feisty crowd of more than 3,500 people before him, Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean took the podium Tuesday, August 26, atop the D-deck at Navy Pier ready to continue his push for the White House. Dean, who made his ninth campaign stop in 3 days, held his rally in the midst of stifling heat, very much symbolic for the growth of his campaign.

Once considered a long shot for the Democratic nomination, Dean's chances have heated up as fast as the dog days of August. The stop at Navy Pier was his first of the day; Dean's "Sleepless" Summer Tour made its way to New York City later that evening.

Flanked by signs extolling "We Want Dean" and "You Gotta Believe," Dean delivered a modified version of his staple campaign speech, adding facts relating to Illinois' 6.5% unemployment rate and other local concerns. Illinois, claimed Dean, lacks the necessary funding to get the Homeland Defense program functional, thanks he said to President Bush's negligence.

Castigating the Bush administration for not carrying through some of its own programs, he also claimed that the No Child Left Behind program has had little effect due to the President's lack of commitment. Dean criticized President Bush's fiscal policy, claiming his trillion dollar tax cuts have increased the cost of college tuition and property taxes.

There was plenty of rhetoric to go around Tuesday, as Dean promised to rid of the tax cut if elected, focus on improving small business in America and devise an infrastructure on which the economy can be rebuilt. "To have an investment in America, you have to have a good policy," said Dean. While attacking Bush's policy, he improved his own--his grassroots appeal. Even as Dean struggled to accrue donations early on in the race, his appeal widened thanks to the internet.

Web sites like moveon.org and meetup.com have significantly helped the Dean campaign by spreading the word about him. Dean has thus far raised over $900,000 from internet donations at his own site, and his popularity is only growing. Both word of mouth buzz and large Time and Newsweek spreads have greatly contributed to the movement.

In concluding his remarks, Dean quoted an old Texas saying. "When it comes to defense," joked Dean, "this President is all hat and no cattle." His quip was somewhat telling of his recent surge in the polls, for as President Bush was in Crawford, Texas on his 35-day vacation, Howard Dean was out working the crowd.

DAR News

Circuit Court Judge Thomas E. Flanagan will speak before the Daughters of American Revolution, Swallow Cliff Chapter, Saturday, September 20 at 1 pm at Trinity Christian College Campus Library Alumni Conference Room/Library, 6601 W. College Drive, Palos Heights to begin their 2003-2004 year.

Maxine Flin, coordinator, announced that the judge will share his expertise on the Illinois Judicial System. Knoll Springs C.A.R. members will assist with the Constitution Week Celebration.

Judge Flanagan received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Loyola University and his Juris Doctorate from University of Chicago Law School. He practiced law for over 20 years and has been on the bench for 18 years. Flanagan is married, has six children and 9 grandchildren.

Left to Right: Senator Emil Jones, Jr., Senator Dick Durbin, Superintendent Dr. Kevin Burns and Representative Bob Rita.

Open Arms holds benefit

A very special little girl named Kassidi, a 5 year old, has been fighting cancer for the last year and a half. A benefit for her will be held September 26th at the Sabre Room on 95th Street in Hickory Hills. Tickets are $20 and include dinner, raffles and great entertainment.

Bob West, Chicago's Premier Elvis Tribute Artist who has toured Japan and all across the United States, Al Dvorin, who has made the words, "Ladies and Gentlemen, Elvis has left the building," famous, the Band on the Run, a talented Paul McCartney and Wings Tribute Band will put on one dynamic show.

In addition, Guitar Center at 8250 S. Cicero is donating three Fender Guitars and two Marshall Amps for a special auction. There are a limited amount of tickets being sold so that your chances of winning one of these prizes are greater. Tickets are available now at guitar Center or on September 26th. Winners need not be present. Tickets are $5 for the guitars and $10 for the amps. What a great chance to win some great musical equipment and help a little girl when she really needs it at the same time.

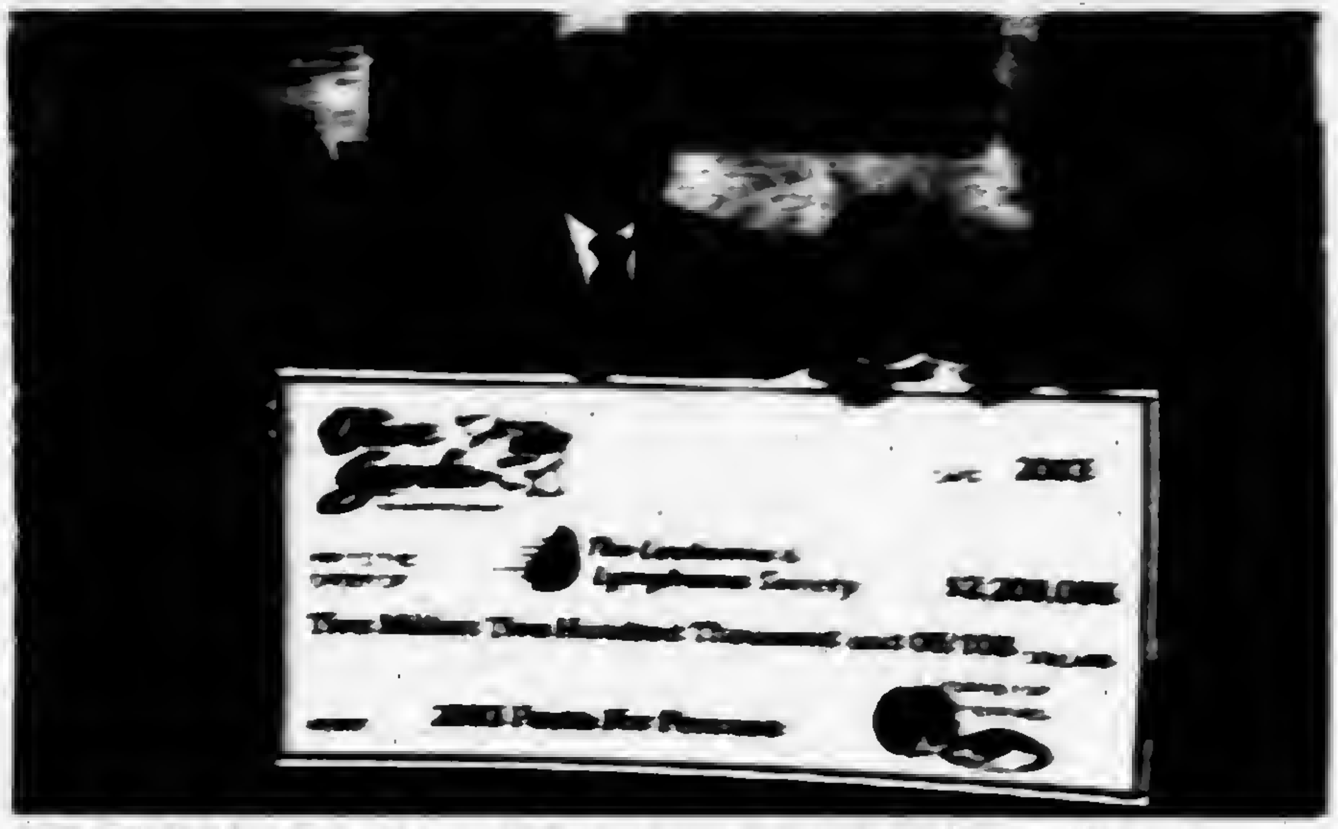
Johnson Phelps, VFW Post 5220, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., Oak Lawn, presents "Dusty Records Dance Party" on Saturday, October 11, from 6:30-11:30 pm. There will be a D.J., food and an open bar for $20 per person.

For more information call, (708) 423-5220.

A gathering for a special cause

At a recent welcoming, Senator Dick Durbin, Representative Bob Rita and Senator Emil Jones appeared at Alan Sheppard High School, District 218 in Palos Heights. The events of the day started with a gathering of constituents at Senator Emil Jones's headquarters, a Crestwood senior center; lunch with the south suburban mayors at Rita's headquarters and finishing off the day at Sheppard High School before more than 500 students in attendance.

The plans were to reinforce the Senator of the fine support he receives from the southside of Chicago and to bring some needs of the south suburbs into focus. Senator Emil Jones and Bob Rita have offices in the same building and the have been garnishing Senator Durbin's support for bills they were introducing in the house and senate for furthering the growth of the south suburbs. Senator Dick Durbin, as always, appears to be interested in all people and certainly will bring federal dollars back to the south suburbs. Call his office with your special interests to see exactly his stand on your subject.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Left to Right: Tama Limberger of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Richard DeMarco of the Olive Garden, 14-year old Leukemia Ambassador Adam Lopez and Mandy Moore.

Students collect $28,898 for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Students throughout Illinois rallied around their local Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, raising more than $28,890 for Olive Garden's ninth-annual Pasta for Pennies program.

During the three-week campaign, students brought spare change into their classrooms, which was then donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Illinois Chapter to aid research and provide patient services. The class collecting the most funds in each school received a pasta party from a local Olive Garden in their community.

More than 11,480 students from 20 schools in Cook, Dupage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will counties participated in Olive Garden's Pasta For Pennies.

Since 1994, Olive Garden's Pasta For Pennies has raised more than $17 million to fight leukemia and lymphoma and to provide a wide range of services to patients and their families. In addition to pasta parties for the top fundraising class in every participating school, Olive Garden hosts kick-off luncheons for representatives of participating schools in each city and provides marketing materials and support for the program.

Ashley Rita, John Rita, and Sara Rita attended the assembly of students at Sheppard High School.

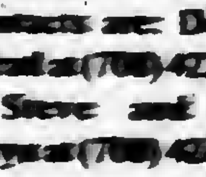
The Beverly Hills Embroiderers Guild will meet on Tuesday, September 16, at 9 am and 7 pm at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 111th Street, Oak Lawn. So What's New?! Jesse Daniels, Rea Schauer, and Gail Dodson will be teaching their Dazzling Christmas Ornament (original design) that is 3D on perforated paper with lots of beads and fibers.

3rd Annual golf Outing to be held

Our Lady of the Ridge School will hold their 3rd Annual golf Outing on Friday, October 3rd at Stony Creek golf Course, Oak Lawn.

Best Ball Scramble will have tee times starting at 9 am. Green fee is $80 which includes cart, lunch, beverages and dinner. There will be Hole-In-One and many other golf contests and raffle prizes. Please join us for this very fun and important fundraiser. All proceeds will benefit students at Our Lady of the Ridge School. Prize donations welcome and hole sponsorships are available.

Contacts are: Dan and Rita Pearl at (708) 422-4576, and Steve and Laura Severyn at (708) 424-3912.



National Depression Screening Day (NDSD) launches first national campaign on parental depression

Your youngest son comes into your room at 6:00 a.m. to let you know that his big sister is having cookies and soda for breakfast. Meanwhile, your seven-year-old has been up all night with a stomach bug. And thus your day begins.

It is understandable, and even normal, for most parents to feel stressed and overwhelmed some of the time. But if you have been feeling sad or empty; lost pleasure in ordinary activities; have unexplained aches or pains - and have been experiencing these symptoms for more than two weeks - then you may have clinical depression.

To help those parents who may be suffering, National Depression Screening Day will break the silence about parental depression and introduce the first national awareness campaign on the impact of depression on families and children.

The campaign, a collaborative effort of NDSD's parent organization, Screening for Mental Health (SMH), and Children's Hospital Boston, encourages depressed parents to talk about their illness with their children. A recent study by Children's Hospital has shown that breaking the silence and discussing parental depression with one's children strengthens the family unit and its individual members.

In addition to the parenting campaign, NDSD will offer free, anonymous screenings for depression, bipolar disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, and generalized anxiety disorder at 2,000 public sites, 500 colleges, and 5,000 primary care offices across the country on October 9, 2003. Anyone is welcome to attend in order to learn more about these treatable disorders and find out how to get help.

To find a site near you, call 1-800-520-NDSD (6373) (starting 9/10/03) or visit the SMH website at http://.mentalhealthscreening.org/locator/NDSDmap.htm.

Clinical depression affects more than 19 million Americans each year, most commonly affecting those in their prime parenting years, between the ages of 30-44. Parenting can be challenging in good health, but even more challenging when a parent or parents are depressed.

"Depression's impact on families is important and timely. So many families have experienced sustained and heightened anxiety since 9/11 due to job loss, personal losses and the challenges of family life in the military through wartime. We hope National Depression Screening Day can help parents and their children understand that depression and related disorders are treatable, and seeking help will contribute to leading healthy and productive lives," says Douglas G. Jacobs, MD, executive director of SMH and an associate clinical professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.

Some tips for parents being treated for a mental disorder:

- Pay attention to your parenting and make sure your illness doesn't disrupt your children's lives.
- Make sure your children continue to go to school.
- Encourage your children's participation in outside activities (community, sports and religious activities).
- Encourage their relationships with peers and important adults in their lives.
- Make sure your children understand that it is not their fault that their parent or parents are ill and that they are receiving treatment to get better.
- Be prepared to talk more than once. It often takes time for families and children to process and understand this sensitive subject.

Women's Health Community Event

Wal-Mart and Speaking of Women's Health, a non-profit organization is dedicated to "educating women to make informed decisions about their health, well-being and personal safety."

In celebration of its national sponsorship of Speaking of Women's Health, Wal-Mart will host a free two-day Speaking of Women's Health Community Event focused on health and well-being. In addition to various health information stations and screenings, a free 15-chapter wellness book from Speaking of Women's Health will be distributed (while supplies last).

When: Friday and Saturday, September 19 and 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: All Wal-Mart Stores (Event details may vary from store to store.)

Why: Professionals from the community will come together in one place to provide Wal-Mart customers with the health-related screenings, demonstrations and information they need to keep themselves and their families healthy.

Contact: Heather Buffington at 314-982-0291 or Cara Ramsay at 314-982-[illegible]

32 Reasons Why Sugar Is Bad For Oral Health

Most of us are aware we need to limit sugary foods for the sake of our teeth. The task is easier said than done, not just when willpower is in short order but because sugar shows up in some surprising places.

It's not shocking that dentists recommend controlling your intake of soft, sweet foods like candy, cakes and cookies. Some sources of sugar, however, aren't as obvious.

Carbohydrates found in crackers, breads and even pizza quickly break down into sugar and, as far as your mouth is concerned, can have an impact similar to sugary treats. Other seemingly healthy foods such as raisins and other dried fruits spend more time in your mouth because they're sticky and hard to chew, leaving more time for sugars to do their damage.

"Hundreds of types of bacteria live in the human mouth. They cling to the surfaces of teeth and, if not removed, form a colorless, sticky film called plaque," said Max Anderson, D.D.S., an oral health advisor for Delta Dental Plans Association. "Cavity-causing organisms within the plaque feed on sugar and turn it into acid, which attacks tooth enamel and causes tooth decay."

Dr. Anderson recommends reading labels closely to understand just how much sugar you're putting into your mouth. Keep an eye out for ingredients like white or brown sugar, honey, molasses and syrups, as well as for ingredients with names like fructose, sucrose, glucose, corn syrup and maltose. All are various forms of sugar.

When it's time to reach for a snack, consider healthier choices like cheese, yogurt, fruit and nuts. When sugary or carbohydrate rich foods are on the menu, eating them in combination with other foods is better than eating them alone. The body produces more saliva to help digest larger meals, which washes away more food and helps neutralize harmful acids before they can attack teeth.

"It's not realistic to banish sugar and carbohydrates from your diet, but understanding their sources and following a program of good oral hygiene can help counteract sugar's effects," said Dr. Anderson. "It's always a good idea to brush after meals and snacks at least twice a day, floss at least once a day and visit your dentist regularly. When a toothbrush isn't handy, try flushing sugar from teeth by drinking a glass of water or chewing sugarless gum, particularly those with xylitol on the label."

Based in Oak Brook, IL, Delta Dental Plans Association is a national network of independently operated not-for-profit dental service corporations specializing in providing dental benefits programs to 45 million Americans in more than 75,000 employer groups throughout the country.

New location for EA

Beginning August 20th, Emotions Anonymous began meeting at New Spirit Lutheran Church, 3600 S. Kilpatrick, Chicago, two blocks east of Cicero and one block south of 37th street. Meetings are on Wednesday and Fridays at 7:30 pm in room 5 on the lower level.

Hope Hospital to host "Kids Expo"

Two Chicago-area museums, the Radio Disney Party Patrol and a medical air-transport team, complete with helicopter, are among the invited participants in Advocate Hope Children's Hospital "Kids Expo 2003" on Sept. 20th.

The free, public program, scheduled from 9 am to 2 pm at Century Junior High School, 10801 W. 159th St., Orland Park, is being held in conjunction with the Orland Park Chamber of Commerce Community Expo 2003.

A major feature of "Kid's Expo" will be the interactive exhibits that encourage children to have fun while learning about health. One of those exhibits, "Lives from the Heart," will be sponsored by Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry.

Other Expo participants will include the Children's Museum of Oak Lawn and the Radio Disney Party Patrol whose members will make a live appearance from noon to 2 pm. Depending on weather and availability, a medical air-transport team is prepared to land a helicopter near the Expo site and offer the general public tours of the plane.

Among the estimated 20 interactive exhibits and displays will be ones that teach children about lungs, finger casting, medications, babysitting and baby care and the importance of hand washing.

The event also will offer door prizes and giveaways, including special, free T-shirts to the first 500 children attending the Expo.

More information about the program is available by contacting Nancy Mahbot, pediatric coordinator in Christ Medical Center's office of community health and wellness, at 708 / 346-3293.

Aerobics Station holds free classes

To thank our clients for their patronage and to introduce itself to prospective new clients, Aerobics Station will host its annual Client Appreciation / Thank You Week. Free classes will be offered from Monday, Sept. 15 to Saturday, Sept. 20th. The culmination of the week will take place on Saturday the 20th. After the 9:30 am class, the festivities will include prizes, awards, and refreshments. All are invited to this event of friendship and fitness!

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If you would like more information on Aerobics Station Classes or about the Free Week of Fitness Classes, please call 773 998-2204 or contact us at aerobstation@aol.com

New Heart procedure announced

St. Francis Hospital announces a new procedure that reshapes the heart called RESTORE, an acronym for Restore, Endo-ventricular Surgery, Returning, Torsion, Original, Radius & Elliptical Shape of the Heart.

The success of this procedure and benefits to the patient, are unprecedented. The outcomes for the recent 16 surgeries have been excellent with the mortality rate and congestive heart failure at zero percent, with improvement in all patients.

Doctors Cayton-Boyd unite

Dr. Lauren Ann Cayton, daughter of Dr. Terrence and Mrs. Janice Cayton of San Antonio, Texas is engaged to Dr. Andrew Dallas Boyd, son of Mrs. Anne Caryl Boyd and the late Granberry Davis Boyd III of Evergreen Park, Illinois. The prospective groom is the grandson of Mrs. Anne M. Wiegel of Evergreen Park, and the late Mr. George E. Wiegel Sr.

Both Dr. Cayton and Dr. Boyd received Doctorate of Medicine degrees from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, Texas in June 2002. Dr. Boyd is a graduate of Morgan Park Academy in Chicago, and Southern Methodist University in Dallas. The bride-elect is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria, Virginia and Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina.

Presently, Dr. Cayton is a resident in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Dr. Boyd is a bioinformatics/medical informatics specialist with the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The Cayton-Boyd couple plan a fall wedding in San Antonio, Texas.

On Track Singles announces events

September 20th, Saturday OKTOBERFEST at 5:00 pm

For something completely different, we'll be trying our home-brewed beers at Puffers, 32nd and Halsted. This evening is sponsored by H.O.P.S. (Homebrewers Pride of the Southside). The cost is $20 and includes all you can eat and a chance to sample quite a variety of beers. We'll meet at the south parking lot at 5:00 P.M. For more information, call Mark Mazanec at 773-284-1062.

September 27th, Saturday DINNER – MOVIE NIGHT 5:00 P.M.

The Chicago Cubs game was filled up so long ago and there are new people who have joined (not to mention Sox fans) who would like to do something. We will leave St. Mary's south parking lot promptly at 5:00 P.M. for the Crestwood Theaters at 132nd Rivercrest Dr. (near Rt. 83 – Cicero). Dinner will be at the Paragon restaurant near there. For more info or to register, call John at 773-585-8242.

Scout – O – Rama is coming

Scouting is alive and well and having a great time in the southlands of Chicago, and just to prove it they are having an old fashioned scouting exhibition this coming Sat. Sept. 20, 2003. The event will be held at the Oak Lawn Pavilion Park on 94th and Oak Park Ave. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and feature scouts from 7 – 18 years old.

The event will feature pinewood derby races, rocket races, silk-screening, cooking, camping, first aid and much much more. Over 2 dozen units from the surrounding area will be showing off some of their favorite skills and inviting the public to participate.

This exciting family event will have something for every member of the family and if you or your child catch the scouting spirit you'll have the opportunity to sign up then and there for a unit close to your home. This is going to be the first event of its kind in nearly a decade and marks an exciting return and renewed commitment to an invaluable youth program.

Book signing with IAW Club

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, in partnership with the Italian-American Women of Chicagoland will host a book-signing event. Join us on September 25th, at 7:00 p.m. and learn how local women of Italian-American heritage have contributed to their community. Books are available for purchase for $20, great for gift giving or for local history collections. The program is free, but call the library at 423-7753 to reserve a seat.

OL Library closes

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, will be closed for several days beginning Monday, September 29 for an electrical service shut-down necessary for their construction project. The Library will reopen as soon as power is restored. Patrons should bear in mind that these dates are subject to change due to more urgent demands upon Commonwealth Edison.

For more information, call 708 / 422-4990.

Prospect Federal Savings Board Chairman Miroslav Lukas (left) congratulates Vice Chairman Carl Rosenbaum on 50 years of service with the bank. Also attending the celebration are Prospect Federal President & CEO Steven Rosenbaum, and Board member Valerian Kordecz (Right).

"50 years at Prospect Federal"

Carl Rosenbaum Celebrates 50 Years at Prospect Federal Mr. Carl L. Rosenbaum, Vice Chairman of Prospect Federal Savings Bank's Board of Directors, was honored at a recent Board meeting for his 50 years of distinguished service with Prospect Federal. Mr. Rosenbaum has been vice chairman since retiring as president & chief executive officer of the bank in 1998. He became president in 1985, replacing Miroslav "Miro" Lukas, who is now Chairman of The Board. Mr. Lukas congratulated Mr. Rosenbaum on 50 years of service and said, "Carl's excellent long-term service is a big reason for our success through the years."

Mr. Rosenbaum began his career August 17, 1953 in Prospect Federal's Loan Department. Through the years, he worked in nearly every department of the bank. Reflecting on 50 years with Prospect he said, "Most people think that being part of the same place of employment for 50 years is a long time. However, 50 years with Prospect Federal doesn't seem that long to me. I still remember my first day, being warmly greeted by our small staff at 1707 West 47th Street, in Chicago's Back of The Yards neighborhood.

Being with the same business for 50 years certainly has not been boring. Since banking is a people business, I found each day to be different than the day before. Each customer is unique. I've enjoyed knowing them and helping with their financial needs. It's also been great to work with such wonderful associates through the years. They are like family to me. Many have been with Prospect Federal for 20, 30, even 40 years. In fact, there's one who's been with the bank even longer than I have, Miro Lukas. He's been with Prospect for 54 years. Miro helped me on my first day and has encouraged me ever since. I'd like to thank him and all the Prospect family for their support through the years."

Mr. Rosenbaum expressed pleasure that Prospect Federal has been in business since 1909. "We're a local, independent financial institution that has helped thousands of Southwest Metropolitan Chicagoans build a strong financial future and attain the dream of home ownership," he added.

Over the years, Prospect Federal has maintained a high level of financial strength, according to Mr. Rosenbaum. In fact, for the last 10 years, Prospect has consistently received the highest 5 Star safety and soundness rating from Bauer Financial Reports, a nationally recognized bank research and rating firm. Mr. Rosenbaum stated that attributes such as financial strength and customer service have been aided by the bank's continuity of management and staff. Among those with 20 or more years at Prospect is Mr. Rosenbaum's son, Steven F. Rosenbaum, who has been the bank's president & CEO since 1998.

Prospect Federal Savings Bank is a local institution owned by its depositors and borrowers. The bank has offices on South Harlem Avenue in Worth, South Pulaski Road in Chicago, and 103rd Street in Oak Lawn.

Great Book Discussion group meets

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, is starting a Great Books Discussion Group. Informational sessions will be held on Tuesday, September 16th at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m. Participation is free, and the group will meet once a month to discuss books.

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Left to Right: Linda Olsen, Jessica Michalowicz, and Judith McMahon with tutor.com for Live Homework Help.

Oak Lawn Public Library offers free online tutoring

By David Vogner

Get your pencils ready. It is now time to add online tutoring to the list of great services that do not cost a penny. Although few people know about it, the Oak Lawn Public Library has had an online tutoring service since May of this year. Called Live Homework Help, the program aims at helping students from grade 4 through high school.

The service, a subsidiary of tutor.com, can be accessed by either logging on at library computers or accessing the program at home through the library's website. Students can receive supplementary help in subjects ranging from math and science to social studies and English. What does all this mean? Well, the "my dog ate my homework" excuse might just not cut it anymore.

Live Homework Help is reported to be so good that students will really have to work at excuses for not finishing homework, barring that their computers freeze. From 1pm to 10 pm every day, a student can receive help during a 20-minute tutor-guided session. And this online tutoring is not just bland dialogue with automated computers. Tutoring at the library is much more dynamic than e-mail correspondence for homework help. Discourse is fast, akin to instant messaging, and the tutors are eager to help. In addition, the tutors on the other end can draw out what they are text-messaging on a paint-board space underneath the text, allowing students to fully visualize their problems.

One need not be internet-savvy to take advantage of Live Homework Help, either. The process is a breeze. To access Live Homework Help from home, just log on to www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us to access the library's home page. Then, click on the youth services icon and proceed to the Live Homework Help page. Here, the library will ask you for your name and library card number. From there, you are free to learn. Logging on from the library is even easier, and sometimes more reliable, too. All one has to do is simply click on the Live Homework Help logo.

An obvious advantage to this service is that it is free of charge. Considering that E-Sylvan, the Sylvan Learning Center's online tutoring program, charges from $37-$44 dollars an hour, Live Homework Help is quite a bargain. And the program is not limited to English-speaking students needing help with math, science, social studies or English homework. On Thursdays from 5pm to 9pm, Live Homework Help offers services for those wishing to study in Spanish. And these tutors know what they are talking about—Live Homework Help is staffed by teachers, graduate students, professors and career tutors. Most important, asserts the library staff, is that the online tutors will not just give away answers to homework assignments. They view their role as guides down the path of knowledge, helping students to obtain a better grasp on their problems so that they might answer their own questions. As such, Live Homework Help is a tool used to both help students' understanding and sharpen their minds.

Although the library's affiliation with Live Homework Help is still in its beginning stages (and logging on from the home computer can work beautifully one day and not work at all the next), the prospect of free online tutoring cannot be passed up. It just goes to show that even though bulldozers and construction crews may be busy at work just yards away, the Oak Lawn Public Library is still a place to come to learn.

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Ribbon cutting celebration at Smith Crossing in Orland Park

Doris and Richard O'Neil of Orland Park with developer Greystone Communities' Barbara Matamoros and Joy Ricci at the celebration of the start of construction for Smith Crossing, a 200 unit continuing care retirement community (CCRC) at 183rd Street and 104th Avenue in Orland Park slated for completion in early 2005. More than 50 future residents plus 100 area civic and business leaders gathered in the 32 acre prairie garden site, which will feature 103 independent living apartments and cottage homes surrounding a large pond. Smith Crossing also will include assisted living and memory support suites, as well as skilled nursing units under one roof. This premier senior living community, the first of its kind in the area, is sponsored by Washington and Jane Smith Community, which has operated a residence for seniors in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood for eight decades.

Fourteenth Dalai Lama's former home challenged

Chinese government says most Tibetans have turned backs on exiled leader according to Associated Press recently. Tibetans still worship at the Norbulinka Temple in Lhasa, China. See page 11 of this addition.

This Dalai Lama received the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent campaign against Chinese rule.

Library Displays for September

Exhibits from the Italian American Women's Club and the Swing n Sugar Squares of Evergreen Park will be on display at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, throughout September.

Individuals and local community groups interested in exhibiting special collections, activities and creative works at the library may pick up a display case applications at their reception desk. For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

Pictured are the newly elected officers of the Oak Forest High School Drama Club: Top row (left to right) President: Anne Sears, Clerk: Mary Zemaitis, Publicity Director: Kris Wilhelmsen. Bottom row (left to right) Jessica Rueda: Vice-President, Secretary: Stacey Mailo, Treasurer: Emilie Alcock, Historian: Angie Swidergal and Director of Ceremonies: Cathy Bennett.

Drama club officers elected

The Oak Forest Drama Club recently elected officers for the 2003-2004 school year. All officers are members of the International Thespian Society, which honors excellence in school theatre. Members earn points by participating in theatre productions in school or on the community level. The officers are: President: Anne Sears, Vice President: Jessica Rueda, Secretary: Stacey Mailo, Treasurer: Emilie Alcock, Clerk: Mary Zemaitis, Historian: Angie Swidergal, Publicity Director: Kris Wilhelmsen and Director of Ceremonies: Cathy Bennett. The club presents a fall and spring production and will also be presenting a Madrigal Dinner for the upcoming holiday season. The club hopes to offer several opportunities for its members to see live theatre in the Chicago area. Mr. Clinton Desmond is the club's sponsor as well as the Head Director of all theatre productions.

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Brad Gossman, an employee of Leep's Supply for over 20 years stated, "we are very excited about the opportunity to serve Illinois in a whole new dimension with our new 40,000 square foot Lynwood facility. This is defintely a true success story of a small family business beating all odds."

Leep's Supply Co. is a plumbing distributor to Northwest Indiana and the South side of Chicago.

If you'd like more information about Leep's Supply please call David Hamstra at (219) 756-5337 or e-mail David at davidhamstra@leeps.com

Lynwood Store Phone: (708) 889-9741, Lynwood Store Fax: (708) 889-9744

Receiving the Silver Medal

Receiving the silver medal in the 50 Yard. free Race, ages 10 & Under, from His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago during the 22nd Annual Greek Orthodox Junior Olympic Games was Steven Kouchis of the S.S. Constantine & Helen Parish in Palos Hills, IL. The recent 22nd Annual Greek Orthodox Junior Olympic Games attracted thousands of participants from the six-state region of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago.

Bargains galore to be found

Bargains galore may be found at the United Methodist Church, (7100 W. 112th Street), of Worth's semi-annual Rummage Sale to be held on Thursday, October 2 and on Friday, October 3 (which is $3 bag day), 10 am to 2 pm, on both days. Call (708) 448-6682 for more information.

Garden Novices meets

The Southside Garden Novices will meet on Tuesday, October 14th, at 7:00 pm to hear Barb Bridges, of Sid's Greenhouse, give an overbview of perennials. Meetings are held in the Chicago Ridge Village Hall, lower level. Enter on the east side of the building. The meeting is free to members, but there is a $2 fee for visitors. For more information, call 708 / 636-7931

Golf Outing Benefit to be held

John Dallio, 24 is a resident of Oak Lawn. He attended Sward Grammer School, and Mt. Carmel High School, and went on to attend De Paul University. In 2002, he was diagnosed with Glioblastoma Multiform (GBM) grade 4. He is currently taking post-graduate classes at DePaul.

GBM is the most common, most aggressive of the primary brain tumors, and it is highly malignant. Few patients with GBM survive past 3 years once diagnosed. John has undergone the traditional treatments for cancer, since he was diagnosed, which have kept the tumor stable, including radiation and chemotherapy. This past June, his tumor grew, forcing him to undergo a frontal lobectomy in which they removed the entire right frontal lobe of his brain.

Among countless hours of research, he has started taking an experimental serum which has been shown to stop the tumor growth in 15 days and in some instances, reduce the size of the tumor. This experimental treatment is only being taken by 20 patients throughout the world, and is very expensive. One year's treatment will cost $30,000.

We are trying to raise half of that to allow John to take the serum long enough until he can receive a grant.

Join us at a golf outing for John on Monday, September 29th at Gardens Country Club to raise the money to continue his treatment and hopefully the treatment of others. All of the money raised will go toward treatment of GBM with this serum. If you are unable to attend the benefit, but would like to contribute to John's treatment, a trust fund has been set up in his name at Harris Bank, 5151 W. 95th Street, Oak Lawn 60453. A certified letter and neurologist's diagnosis from his oncologist is available upon request, and a receipt of donation will be available for your tax benefits.

If you have any questions, contact George Los at 708 / 599-7990 (W); 708 / 614-7230 (rest.) or 708 / 952-8599 (cell); or Steve Loukusis at 708 / 425-7566 (H) or 312 / 245-7515 (W).

Spaghetti dinner served

A spaghetti dinner will be served by the United Methodist Church of Worth on saturday, September 27th. Hours are 4:30-7:30 pm. Adults are $6, children under 5 are free and tickets may be convenently purased at the door. Takeouts will also be available the church is located at 7100 W. 112th Street, Worth.

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By Anita Gold

Q. Some years back (I'm told) you wrote an article how one could become an extra on movie sets being filmed in their areas. Can you please repeat that information? Justine Smith, Northbrook, IL

A. Specific details regarding such-hard-to find information for anyone of any age, size, type, and description who loves movies and wants to peek into the world of movie-making and become part of the scene and be seen, can be found in the exciting, funny, and absolutely fascinating hard-to-put-down book "How I Broke into the Movies - And How You Can Too!" by Leona Weiss Toppel available for $11.50 postpaid from Leona Weiss Topple, 845 Tulip Lane, Naperville, IL 60540. This book can also pump up one's esteem by encouraging them to reach for the stars and make that impossible dream come true. Leona did by appearing in countless movies, television and radio shows, industrial, training, and educational films, and representing well-known companies throughout the country, by creating a network of invaluable sources she's connected to that'll keep on connecting to additional sources here, there, and everywhere. This unique book can charge up and change your life.

Q: I bought a set of six silver napkin rings at an estate sale for which I paid a substantial sum. My friend thinks they may have been reproduced? If so, how can I tell the new from the old? Bonnie Paulson, Lima, OH

A. An extensive chapter with photos of silver napkin rings and countless other things ranging from glass to brass to scrimshaw to scientific instruments, can be found with their marks and identifications revealing whether they're authentically old or reproduced, in the new amazing 3rd edition of the Antique Trader's "Guide to Fakes & Reproductions" by Mark Chervenka (which includes 1,036 photos of fakes and originals) and is available in a 368-page edition for $28.99 postpaid from Krause Publications, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990-0001. Or phone (800) 258-0929 toll free to order.

Q. What is the going price for full sets of Beanie Babies once distributed by McDonald's, and where might I sell them? Florence Jastrzebowski, Lansing, IL

A. Such plush toys called Teenie Beanie Babies (which might be sold at toy shows) were put out by McDonald's in sets. Those dating from 1997 came in a set of ten, and have a value of $10 each in near mint condition or $20 mint-in-package; those dating from 1998, came in a set of twelve and have a value of $4 each in near mint condition or $8 mint-in-package; those dating from 1999 came in a set of twelve and have a value of $2 each in near mint condition or $4 mint in package; those dating from 2000 came in a set of twelve and have a value of $1 each in near mint condition, or $3 mint in package; whereas McDonald's Teenie Beanie Babies International Bears which date from 1999, came in a set of four and have a value of $1 each in near mint condition, or $2 mint in package according to the 2003 "Tenth Edition of "Toys & Prices" edited by Sharon Korbeck and Don Stearns (which lists, prices, and includes all the charming names of the Teenie Beanie Babies produced by Ty, and pictures, lists, describes, and prices more than 25,000 toys of all kinds including all the other Ty Beanie Baby Toys, available in a huge 804-page thick edition with a 16-page color section, 5,000 black and white photos, and much more to stir the memories of yesteryear, for $23.95 postpaid from Krause Publications, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990-0001. Or Phone (800) 258-0929 toll free to order.

Q. I collect Ronald Regan items, and heard there was a Ronald Regan Beanie Baby on the market. Can you tell me anything about it and where it could possibly be purchased? I've asked around but no one seems to know. Joe Anderson, Green Valley, AZ

A. The Ronald Regan Beanie Baby dressed like a sailor and embroidered USS RONALD REAGAN on the front with an anchor and emblem, was produced by Ty and says Ronnie, DATE OF BIRTH: February 6, 2003, on its red heart-shaped tag along with a stirring unforgettable sea poem, has generated a great deal of interest and is being snapped up. It is most endearing and currently available for $8.50 postpaid from Gigi's Dolls & Sherry's Teddy Bears, 6029 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago, IL 60631. Or phone 773-594-1540 to order. You'll love this bear with its with its charming facial expression that'll melt your heart.

Q. Who might be interested in buying old fishing lures in their boxes, kept in a display case found in my uncle's sports store that was recently torn down? Carl Mason, Green Bay, WI

A. Write Dan Basore (who buys and collects anything and everything fishing-related for his Historical Fishing Display, and whose especially looking for lures in their original wood or cardboard boxes for which he pays considerable sums) at 3S375 Herrick Road, Warrenville, IL 60555. Enclose a description of the items including anything fishing-related that may look unimportant, but could be worth big bucks, or phone Basore for a free appraisal or generous offer at 1-800-347-4525, or 1-800 FISH-LAK toll free.

Q. My mother passed away and in going through various items she left for me and my wife, we discovered a Dirk Van Erp hammered copper tray with a note my Mom had scribbled saying it was valued between $1,200 and $1,500. What avenues do I need to follow to sell it as we don't want it? Bob Turnbull, Potomac Falls, VA

A. Phone John Toomey at Treadway Toomey Galleries in Oak Park, IL who buys and auctions such items, at 708-383-5234. Or visit their current Sept. 7, 2003 20th Century Art & Design Auction at www.treadwaygallery.com to see the type of items (including Dirk Van Erp beauties) they buy and auction.

Write Anita Gold, P.O. Box 597401, Chicago, IL 60659. Enclose a self- addressed stamped envelope with a copy of this column and the name of the paper in which it appears for a reply.

One Day trips planned by the Office of Citizen's Services

Amish Harvest Festival Trip on Friday, October, 17. The Departure will be at 7:30 am from the Community Center and the Return at approximately 6:00 pm. Tickets are $68, including colorful autumn trip via round trip motorcoach transportation, haywagon ride, tour of unique farmstead, craftsmen demonstrating blacksmithing, making maple syrup, brooms and soap, quilting and baking. Highlight of the day will be an Amish Threshers Dinner.

Navy Pier, Field's and Museum "Christmas Around the World" Trip on Tuesday, December 16. Departure will be at 12:45 pm from the Community Center and the Return at approximately 8:45 pm. Tickets are $64, including holiday "magic" at Navy Pier and Marshall Fields, with dinner at Walnut Room, narrated driving tour of the Magnificent Mile Lights Festival, Museum of Science and Industry's "Christmas Around the World" and new model railroad exhibit. Tickets are available at the Office of Citizen's Services, Village of Evergreen Park, located at 3450 West 97th Street, Evergreen Park, IL. Phone: (708) 422-8776.

Wiley's Woods, Great attraction

Kids become the action heroes turned creature keepers at Wiley's Woods, the hot, new four-story family attraction in Wisconsin. Open daily from 9 am to 8 pm, it immerses families in an adventure quest featuring 25,000 colored foam balls, 65 game consoles, gravity shoots, bridges, nets, mazes, berry vacuums and berry blaster. Wiley's Woods is adjacent to the award-winning Great Wolf Lodge, best known for its indoor waterpark.

Wiley's Woods combines computerized technology with physical play, storytelling, strategy and family interaction, according to Curtis Brown, general manager at Great Wolf Lodge. "A programmed computerized bracelet transforms each player into a creature keeper who must care for all the forest animals ranging from butterflies to a temperamental lion, accumulating points along the way," Brown said. Wiley's Woods also includes a Pizza Hut Express, gift shop and toddler play are.

The 20,000 square foot facility appropriate for ages three years old and up, also a private party room. A tunnel from Great wolf Lodge provides a private entrance for resort guests who play free anytime during their stay. Players not staying at the resort may enter through the public front entrance. Admission is $8.95 for adults and $5.95 for children 12 and under.

Some special events celebrated at Great Wolf Lodge include: Halloween with a pumpkin patch and live elk, Santa Claus could sky dive into the area Christmas Eve, Trinity Dancers and bagpipers appear on St. Patrick's Day, and 338 foot tall Christmas tree may be erected. On Father's Day last year the water park had 50 huge vehicles that kid's took rides on, including tanks and bulldozers on New Year's Eve. The facility put on a huge fireworks display that attracted 4,000 people.

Swing'g Sugar Squares Square Dance Club invites all local communities to attend as they "kick off" Fall lessons with free square dance lessons on Tuesday, September 16 from 7:30-9:30 pm at Central Jr. High Gym, 94th and Spaulding, Evergreen Park, to introduce non-square dancers to the fun of this activity.

The Caller will walk you through the movements. For adults of all ages (couples or single). Dress is casual. Light refreshments served.

Lessons progress on Tuesdays, September thru May 2004. Fee is $3.50 per time payable at the door.

Lhasa the city of many dreams

The Potala Palace was built in the 7th century. The main construction is divided into two sections, the Red and White palaces. It is 115,703 metres high with thirteen stories, including living quarters, temples, funerals, stupas and monk dormitories.

by Annette Dixon

Flying on Chinese Airlines with my young flirty monk, gave me the impression that Lhasa, Tibet is a different city unlike the China cities I had just visited. While sitting at the Xian airport, I wondered if visiting Tibet would be safe. I also wondered if visiting an autonomous territory would really be the dream country I actually wanted to visit. It was an exciting trip with mountainous skyway, and after landing at the Lhasa airport, I knew my dream materialized.

Some of the Tibetan religious monasteries I had visited were Norbu-Lingka Palace, a national preserved unit of cultural relics and gardens; Sera Monastery, founded by a disciple of Tsong Khapa in 1419; Lhasa Jokhang Temple, constructed in 647 AD; Potala Palace, originally built in the 7th century. The 5th Dali Lama extended the palace to its present size. The Drepung Monastery had over ten thousand monks residing there before liberation, making it the largest monastery in Tibet.

Arriving in Tibet which consisted of one and a half to two hour drive through dirt roads, mountains, yet some rural areas. There were yaks, sheep, goats, horses, and many dressed with different Tibetan clothing, mainly wool with no mix and matched colors. There were many colors of clothing but they didn't match. My English speaking guide was Neemah a wonderful person who treated me like a friend.

Lhasa has a 2.5 million population of Chinese and Tibetans and since 1994, mainly Chinese soldiers and tradesmen built government buildings without the support or help from the Tibetan people. Therefore the city of Lhasa became a predominantly modern looking city with Chinese design. The Chinese government wanted to upscale the Tibetans with some modern convenience and the people are hungry for prosperity, but angry because they are losing their religion and ethnic cultures.

A Tibetan Mayor controls the Tibetan people, but does what the Chinese government requests of him. The Tibetan people are poor, many are begging around the temples but not begging in the old part of town. The hotel in which I stayed was called Shangbala Hotel, which means Shangrila in Tibetan dialect. A popular folk song goes like this: "There' a beautiful land people cherish, where birds twitter and flowers smell sweet all the year round. It's known as Shangbala, an abode of the immortal, no grief, no distress..." Tashi Delek.

The Lhasa Jokhang Temple is situated in the center of the old Lhasa, who's construction started in 647AD. After extension in later periods, it became the size it is today. The Temple faces west with 4 stories and is about 25100m^2.

In James Hilton's 1933's classic, Lost Horizon, Shangrila was referred to as a haven of peace and serenity where the inhabitants never grow old.

Certainly, I enjoyed the scenery and loved the mountains, but I became lightheaded on the first day there. It lasted over night into the next morning. I was told by Neemah to drink plenty of water, keep the window open regardless of the weather and be sure to eat something. I needed a mask for hyperventilation while climbing the Potala Palace in the morning but when going to Drepung Monastery in the afternoon I was fine again. The highest altitude was 16,000 plus feet.

The Tibetan people lacked hygiene for they wore the same clothes for a year with no baths, spat on the ground consistently, never used kleenex, and had only squat holes for commodes. The deepest squat hole I used was 10,000 ft.

Neemah thought I would appreciate watching what went down the mountain. I have to admit it was different. Needless to say, all of the restaurants had squat holes and not squat bowls.

I believe I wasn't afraid of SARS after being in Tibet.

Buddhism is most important to the people here and the poor will give there very last coin in a prayer to Budda or some deity in hope for happiness, health, and good food. This will be a daily procedure for many. They walk sometimes over 100 miles to go to the monastery in Lhasa.

Beijing

Turbulent weather is second nature for Chinese pilots. It was slightly raining and I didn't think we woulded fly out of Lhasa, Tibet but we did. I watch out the window and saw the Himalaya Mountains and that was surely as great as a sight as I had imagined. What I didn't know is that we were to fly slightly above the mountain peaks for they were everywhere for six hours. The plane several times was caught in a wind force and thank God these pilots are experts. I don't think we would like to invade that country.

Once landing in Beijing, I was at ease as they say. Now I looked forward to climb again, but this time the Great

Annette Dixon in front of the Great Wall of China

Wall of China and that I did. Almost made it to the top but was reassured by my new English speaking guide I conquered the feat.

Some of the sights my driver and guide took me to are the Palace Museum, the city has a history of 3000 years and there are 2600 ancient temples and ancient cultures.

The temple of Heaven where the Ming and Qing dynasties worshipped

Statue of the Emperor during the Ming Dynasty

heaven and prayed for good harvests. The Summer Palace has been listed as a world natural and cultural heritage. Of course, the Great Wall, which I wanted to see since I was 10. Tian An Men Square, the Forbidden City, the Ancient observatory and the city's Embassy area and Central Business District where close to the Jing Du Yuan Hotel. This by far was a Five Star Hotel with an indoor swimming pool, gym, sauna, steam, jacuzzi and massage room. Many of the hotels had chess rooms, very popular in China. The restaurant provided the best Chinese dishes such as Sichuan, Shandong, and Cantonese.

I indulged myself with Chinese for most of my three weeks in China and Tibet.

After visiting all the best sights in the world, I was whisked off to a market once again. No I didn't buy anything and was very disappointed that this market was not like Hong's Kong Stanley Market, where there were so many great deals.

Theater News

by Marijo Doody

South Holland

The South Suburban College has released some of the early fall programming held at the Performing Arts Center. A faculty recital with Andy Hoefle and friends will be held on September 19th. The programming will be jazz and classical works at 7:30 PM... There is no charge for admission. Donations to the Music Scholarship Fund will be accepted. For information call 708-596-2000 ex 2316. A New Music Reading Session will be held for area band directors on September 27 at 10.00 PM. Call ex 2299 for information. On October 3rd a Jazz band concert will be held. The concert is dedicated to Don Kramer, former band director. Donations to the Memorial Scholarship Fund in his name will be accepted. South Suburban College is at 15800 South State Street.

Disney on Ice

Chicago will be taken for a wild glide through The Jungle Book, Tarzan and The Lion King. On the September 30th opening of Disney on Ice. Audiences will see an innovative combination of world class figure skating and amazing athleticism with Tarzan and Jane and wild adventures of Mowgli and Baloo from Jungle Book and the smiles and laughter of Simba's childhood in The Lion King. The director for Disney on Ice is Jerry Bilik. With other team members Barry Lather (choreography: known for work with various Olympic Medallists), Leroy Bennett (lighting), Frank Krenz (costumes) and Robert Smith (scenic designer). Performances are scheduled for 7PM, Tuesday through Thursday. 10:30AM and 7:00PM, Friday, and 11:30AM, 3:30PM and 7:00PM on Saturday and Sunday. The show runs September 30 through October 5th. Tickets are available at The United Center Box Office, 1901 W. Madison St., and all Ticketmaster locations and on the web at HYPERLINK http://www.ticketmaster.com www.ticketmaster.com. Phone orders at 312-559-1212.

Chicago Fall Highlights

The Beverly Arts Center (BAC) fall programming begins with the One-Year Anniversary Celebration of the new BAC on Saturday September 20th at 12:00PM. with cake and Japanese Taiko drummers. Chicago's own Midnight Circus returns to BAC on September 20th and 21st. and Fridays through Sundays September 26th -28th and October 3rd-5th at 8:00PM. Sundays at 2:00PM. Tickets are $25. Children $15 (12 and under). The box office is at 2407 W. 111th St. and phone is 773-446-3838.

The Department of Cultural Affairs

The Department of Cultural Affairs will present the 5th annual world music festival from September 17th to 21st, 2003. Performers are from a variety of countries including Brazil, Cuba, Hungary, Italy, Spain, India and various Africa countries. Events are presented at the Cultural Center, Old Town School of Folk Music, the Daley Civic Center, and the Museum of Contemporary Arts. A complete performance is available at HYPERLINK http:// www.cityofchicago.org/WorldMusic/ www.cityofchicago.org/WorldMusic/ or by calling the World Music Festival: Chicago 2003 hotline at (312-742-1938).

The Chicago Symphony

The Chicago Symphony releases the September programming. Stravinsky, Gould and Falla are featured on the September 21st program. Daniel Barenboim conducts the Brahms 2nd piano concerto September 25th, 26th, and 27th. Jazz returns the 26th. The Civic Orchestra of Chicago is the CSO training grounds for young pre-professional musicians. The 1st concert is October 13th. Hayden and Shostakovich are on the program.

The Auditorium Theater

The Auditorium Theater will come alive with "The Sound of Music" in eight performances September 23-28, 2003. Stars include Broadway talent. There will be 32 cast members and a 19-member orchestra in the company. For tickets call (312-922-2110).

Pegas Players

Pegas Players opens 25th silver anniversary season with "The State of Mississippi and the Face of Emmett Till". The play written by David Barr and Emmett's mother Mamie Till Mobley will play September 5th to October 19th. The story is about Emmett Till the 14-year-old boy from Chicago who was beaten, mutilated and killed in 1955. The story focuses on Emmett's mother and to ensure the death will not be forgotten.

Northlight Theater

The 2003-2004 season begins with limited engagement of "A Feast of Fools" September 18th to 27th. The play takes its name from the traditional European marked by abandon and buffoonery and combines elements of mime, acrobatics and music to showcase a special brand of clowning. The North Shore Center for the Performing Arts is the resident home for the Northlight. For ticket information call (847-673-9501).–

Southwest Symphony Orchestra

The 2003-2004 season is the 40th Anniversary of the Oak Lawn orchestra. Saturday October 25th begins the season. A week-long vacation to Hawaii will be raffled. The one-week holiday is in a two bedroom townhouse that sleeps six. Raffle tickets are 3 for $25 or $10 each. For a season brochure or to obtain raffle tickets please call SSO at (708-802-0686).

Willowbrook Ballroom

In the week of September 22-28 the lineup is as follows: Sept 22nd & 23rd

Country and Western Dance, September 24th Salsa Night, September 28th Ballroom (afternoon) and Evening Swing dance and September 26th Singles Dance. The ballroom is located at 8900 S. Archer Ave. in Willow Springs.

The Center for Performing Arts (Govenors State University)

The Smothers Brothers open the 2003-04 season at the Center September 27th with the Smothers Brothers. They are as legendary for their outspoken opinions as for their humor. On the original "Comedy Hour" the Brothers were very open about their objections to the Vietnam War and wrote skits satirizing the government.

Chicago Association for the Performing Arts

(CAPA) Concert Highlights for 2003-04 is as follows: September 25th: Ballet Hispanico's Nightclub, Remember Shakti on October 1st and on October 3rd The Philip Glass Ensemble. October 13th brings the Singer/Songwriter Tour featuring Mary Chapin Carpenter and others. Ricky Skaggs and other perform on November 1st. Operating the Chicago Theater has been a privilege the CEO of CAPA a non-for-profit arts and entertainment presenter cited in a press release. For more information visit HYPERLINK http://www.capa.com www.capa.com or call the Chicago Theater at (312-263-1138).

Lookingglass Theater Company

Lookingglass Theater Company re-stage early work, The Secret in the Wings. As the second production in the new theater in the Water Tower Water Works, Mary Zimmerman directs the play which opens September 17th and runs through November 23rd. The story combines fairy tales to make an evening of dark and often giddy enchantment. Zimmerman received a 2002 Tony Award for her direction of Metamorphoses (a Lookingglass world premier).

Famous Door Theater

A world premier of the new comedy The Great Society will be presented October 9th - November 9th at the Theater Building, 1225 W Belmont. This is the second installment in Barbara Wallace and Thomas Wolfe's Early and Often trilogy. Set in 1964 Chicago, a young idealist priest goes head to toe with ward boss John Flannery over of all things who supplies the folding chairs for the parish Christmas bazaar. This was the time of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Vatican II and the never-ending rivalry between the Sox's and Cubbies. Time has not changed. Perhaps we will have a division winner. The authors have written and performed radio comedy on WBEZ and were co-founders with the WXRT resident comedy group. In Los Angeles they wrote for TV shows including Murphy Brown. Famous Door Book Club is featuring a discussion of Mike Royko's book Boss with cast and production members on Tuesday October 7th at Barns & Noble 1441 W. Webster Place at 7:30PM. An Early and Often cast reunion reading of the Chicago hit is Monday September 29th at 7:30PM. at the Theater Building. Call 773-404-2625 for the above events. The Theater Building box office is at 773-327-5252 for show tickets.

"Lion King" a visual, mezmerizing delight

by Anita Anderson

The average theater goer cannot comprehend what it takes to put on so lavish a production like "Lion King", now at the Palace Theater in Chicago, until Nov. 23. The sights, sounds, music and special effects are overwhelming.

It also takes the discipline and talent of actors, some who wait behind the curtain in case they need to replace someone in the regular cast.

Tamara L. Merritt fits into that latter category. She's the actress who is getting married Nov. 15 to a businessman, and took professional dance classes for five year.

For her role in the "Lion King" she auditioned against 100 other actors. She also appeared in the Hamburg, Germany role of "Lion King" and traveled through Europe.

The day I spoke to her by phone, Tamara was busy frying chicken for lunch. She said she loves to cook things like collard greens. She's only done two performances and would love to take the role of Nallah. Currently she understudies as Arabi.

She is a graduate of Howard University with a degree in marketing and has appeared at Animal Kingdom at Disney World during her career.

When she marries, the couple will have a house in Atlanta before "Lion King" heads for San Francisco when it leaves Chicago in November.

Tamara feels the competition for a stage role is fierce but she can't see herself at the moment, doing anything else. As an understudy the challenges are enormous and will eventually pay off for the diligent actress.

The show uses 232 puppets in the production, 25 kinds of animals, birds, fish and insects are represented, 27 kite birds, 180 foot giraffes, 60 pounds of grass were used to make the headpieces, and 143 people are involved with the daily production.

Call 312 / 977-1710 for tickets.

Favorite Disney jungle stories roar into Chicago for the figure skating spectacular Disney's Jungle Adventures on Ice featuring Disney's The Jungle Book, Tarzan™ and the Lion King, appearing at the United Center, September 30-October 5, 2003

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Isabel Bayrakdarian plays Suzanna in Lyric Opera's Marriage of Figaro

Lyric Opera of Chicago opens 49th season

On September 6th LOC opened its 2003-2004 programming with the Stars of Lyric Opera free concert with new artists and some returning internationally known singers. Under the stars the audience saw Mars and a nearly full moon. This was the 4th free concert for Chicago fans of classical music to partake.

The various media indicated 25,000 were present. The 49th season begins September 20th at 6:00pm with Sir Andrew Davis conducting The Marriage of Figaro. The artists partaking are as follows: Ildebrando D'Archangelo (as Figaro), Isabel Bayrakdarian (as Suzanna), Ruth Ann Swenson (the Countess), Peter Mattei and Lauren McNeese (the page). All except Mattei were heard under the stars. Tenor Ben Heppner performed at the free concert even though he is not scheduled this year at Lyric. He was last heard in 2001 as Otello.

Other 49th season productions are as follows: Regina, Siegfried, Faust, Samson and Delila, Lucia diLammermoor, The Pirates of Penzance and Madam Butterfly.

Members of the public who wish to be placed on the Lyric mailing list should write the company at 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 840, Chicago Illinois 60606 or should phone 312-332-2244 ext. 5600. Information is also available on the website: www.lyricopera.org.

Tickets are still available for some performances.

Experience Moraine Valley's performing arts

Experience the arts this year at Moraine Valley Community College's Fine and Performing Arts Center, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. The 2--3, 04 season features professional and academic ensembles highlighting music, theater, comedy, family fare, dance, and much more.

The Spotlight Series features a variety of professional ensembles and performances, all held in the college's Dorothy Menker Theater. Ticket prices range from $10 to $28. This year's lineup includes.

*Amy's Answering Machine: Messages from Mom

Does your mom call you in a panic whenever there's a storm warning? Does she believe it's her duty to alert you to every health story on the news? Well, you're not alone. Amy Borkowsky shares more than a decade's worth of phone messages from her hilariously overprotective mom at 8 pm on Saturday, September 20.

*Gregory vPopovich Comedy Pet Theatre

Gregory Popovich and his cast of character, including the award-winning juggling star of the Moscow Circus, and animal antics reminiscent of the Ed Sollivan Show. Popovich works with rescued dogs, cats and birds to present this evening of entertainment at 2 pm and 7 pm on Saturday, October 4.

*Experience the Arts in Palos

Enjoy this exhilarating pops concert by the Palos Symphony Orchestra as they perform a concert of American Music at 3 pm on Sunday, October 19.

For a season brochure or for more information these and other performances, contact the college's Box Office at (708) 974-5500. Tickets can be ordered in person, by mail or over the phone. Hours are Monday through Friday, from 10 am to 5 pm and also one hour prior to all performances. Additional information, updates and new performances can be found at www.morainevalley.edu/fpac.

Parents can ease Back-to-School anxiety

A University of the Sciences in Philadelphia Health Tip

It's that time of year again that stresses many young children to the point of tears or tantrums. It's also a hectic time for parents who must comfort their young ones and be assertive at the same time. Yes, it is the first day of school. After three months of sun, fun and no worries, children are waking up early in the morning to go to a place that replaces their carefree days with homework, studying, pop quizzes and peer pressure.

On the first day of school, some children may experience mild or extreme cases of back-to-school jitters. Dr. Ellen Flannery-Schroeder, assistant professor of psychology at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, says parents need to distinguish between the two levels of anxiety.

"Mild back-to-school jitters are anticipated because children are nervous about who will be in their class, what the teacher will be like and how much work will be handed to them," says Dr. Flannery-Schroeder. "Anxiety may be more intense if there is a transition, such as going to a new school or advancing to middle or high school. In extreme cases, children refuse to go because they have some history of problems or stress in school. Their anxiety is so high they may have difficulties performing in school, listening to their teacher or taking tests to the best of their abilities."

Dr. Flannery-Schroeder suggests the following tips for parents whose children experience back-to-school jitters:

• Establish a routine for your children in the morning. "Children won't fear the unknown if they know what to expect each day, from when breakfast is served to when it is time to board the school bus," says Dr. Flannery-Schroeder.

• Set strong rules. Dr. Flannery-Schroeder cautions parents who may act lax when their children refuse to go to school. She emphasizes that parents should not make concessions or sacrifices that they are not willing to make everyday. For example, "if you give in to your children when they complain and you drive them to school instead of making them take the school bus, you may have to be prepared to drive them to school often," she adds.

• Help children get organized. If your children have performance anxiety related to going back to school, then helpful organizational strategies will help them be better prepared for school work.

• Talk to your children's teacher. Parents only see their children's reactions when they leave their side and go to school. A meeting with a teacher will allow parents to understand their children's behavior when they are in the classroom.

• Seek professional help. If children repeatedly are fearful of going to school and the anxiety does not settle down, then parents should seek advice from a professional psychologist or school counselor.

"Research suggests that as many as 20 percent of children experience some form of anxiety," says Dr. Flannery Schroeder. "Anxious children are often overlooked in the classroom because they may be introverted, withdrawn, or perfectionist. Anxious children rarely exhibit disruptive behavior , thus, they are not noticed as often by parents and teachers alike.

"Overall, approximately 60-70 percent of children with significant back-to-school anxiety could be treated effectively through cognitive-behavioral treatment," she adds. "Parents should give their children a couple of weeks after school starts to see if the anxiety increases or decreases. If the anxious behavior starts to interfere in the family's life or if the student's academics or social performance is affected, then parents should seek counseling for their children."

Back-to-School is a stress filled time for adults as well as children. Make sure to take time for fun family activities.

One Supply Children Need for Back-to-School

As our nation prepares for "Back to School" time, there is one school supply parents and children can not go without: vaccinations. Taking your child to a doctor's office isn't the easiest thing to do, but it could save his or her life. And, in many states, the law requires a certain number of doses of mandated vaccines before the first day of classes.

The vaccines often required for school entrance include diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, chickenpox, measles, mumps, and rubella. With the first day of class just days away, parents are lining up their children for shots, and some have questions and concerns about the necessity and safety of them.

"Many parents are concerned about their children going to school and possibly catching something from another student who didn't get their shots," says Gary Wallach, Director of the National Immunization Information Hotline for the U.S. Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). "Vaccinations help prevent diseases that, if left untreated, could be deadly."

Despite the repercussions of possible mild side effects, such as fever, soreness, rash, and redness, and the long faces that accompany a trip to the doctor's office for shots, immunizations are important for school-aged children. However, most parents do not know of many of the immunization requirements, or the mild side effects involved, and need information in making decisions that affect their child's health. Fortunately, the National Immunization Information Hotline (NIIH) is available to provide such information.

Recently awarded the Center for Disease Control's "Partner in Public Health Award", the CDC National Immunization Information Hotline partners with the CDC to provide immunization information and referral services for educating parents, providers, and the general public about immunizations and vaccine preventable diseases.

Operated by the American Social Health Association (ASHA) since 1997, NIIH has answered approximately a half-million calls. This service is available to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the U.S. Territories, Monday – Friday, 8AM – 11PM via toll-free hotlines. Services are offered in English (800.232.2522), Spanish (800.232.0233), and TTY (800.243.7889) for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

In addition to telephone services, NIIH established and maintains effective referral, call-in, Web-site and email systems that involve collaborations with health departments on a national and local level - including private provider, minority and community-based organizations. Information can be found at www.vaccines.ashastd.org.

ASHA, an 89-year-old nonprofit organization, sponsors educational and research programs to stop the spread of sexually transmitted diseases. In recent years, ASHA has broadened its mission to encompass related issues, including immunization/vaccines and family health issues, including bioterrorism preparedness and response.

Today, ASHA delivers accurate, reliable health information to millions of people worldwide via hotlines, state-of-the-art websites, responsive e-mail services and a variety of education programs. Consumers can also get information from ASHA via the Web by visiting www.ashastd.org, or by visiting our site especially for adolescents at www .iwannaknow.org.

Scholarship winners announced

Today, DeVry University's Tinley Park campus announced the names of recipients of its first-ever Community Scholar academic scholarships. These scholarships were available to one student at each of 38 high schools surrounding the Tinley Park campus.

The following seniors were awarded Community Scholarships by DeVry's Tinley Park campus: Juan Berrum of Chicago Heights; Anthony Davis of Harvey; Kyle Heinze of Crete; Christopher Lewandowski of Lockport; Brian Roon of Oak Lawn; and Robert Szatko of Palos Hills.

Each scholarship award is up to $1,000 per semester or $3,000 per calendar year for a student attending DeVry year-round in pursuit of a degree. The scholarships are worth up to $9,000 for the duration of a degree program, depending on the student's field of study.

The scholarships will be offered annually to a new group of graduating high school seniors. Interested students may contact DeVry's Tinley Park campus at 708-342-3300 to see if the scholarship is available at their high school.

DeVry developed the Community Scholars program in 2002 to address the growing concerns about access to higher education for academically qualified low- and moderate-income students. The program targets academically mid-tier students who may represent the first generation in their family to attend college, and is intended to help academically-adept students who may not have considered college an option for their futures. The federal Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance reported in June 2003 that as many as 400,000 academically qualified students cannot afford to attend a four-year college this year.

Bishop Opens New School Year

Bishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller opened the new school year at St. Laurence with a Eucharistic Celebration for the entire school community. In his homily, Bishop Garcia-Siller urged the students to be people who transform the world by their faith and good works. During the ceremony, the Bishop also blessed a wreath which will be place at the school's September 11 memorial located at the entrance of the school. Bishop Garcia-/siller is the new Episcopal Vicar for Vicariate 5 in which St. Laurence is located. Pictured with bishop Garcia-Siller are (left to right) Rev. Norm Trela, School Chaplain, Jeff Volin (Garfield Ridge), Partrick Biernacki, Student Council President (Oak Lawn), Anthony Bertucci (Garfield Ridge, Bishop Garcia-Siller, Bob Shaw (Evergreen Park), A.J. Whooley (Oak Lawn), Bob Bourke (Morgan Park) and Andrew Gross (LaPorte, Indiana).

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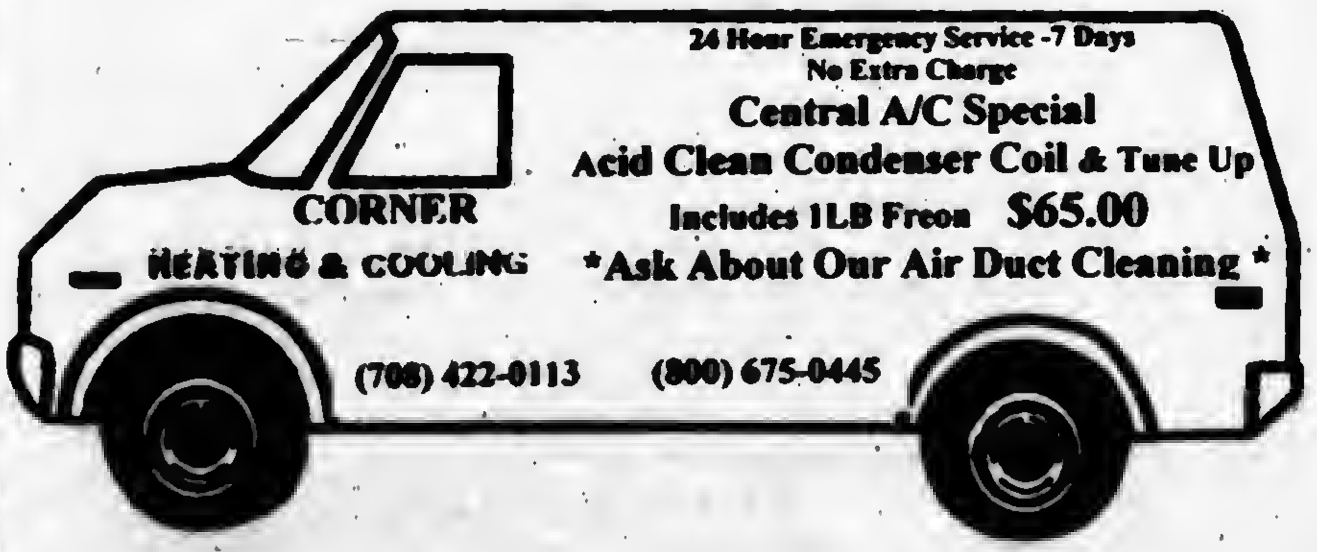

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80TH Ave. road construction

Temporary Closures

Those who travel south on 80th Avenue will have to take an alternate route on Tuesday, September 9th. Cook County will close the southbound lane of 80th Avenue from 159th Street to 151st Street for one day. The left turn lane on 159th Street at 80th Avenue will also be closed. Signs will be posted alerting drivers of the closures.

In addition to the 80th Avenue southbound lane closure, the intersection on the west side 80th Avenue and 157th Street will be closed for construction from Tuesday, September 9th until Monday, September 15th.

Steve Stronk Named Orland Park Animal Control Officer

A love for animals brought Steve Stronk to the Village of Orland Park. Orland Park's new animal control officer joined the village staff in July, 2003.

Describing his role within the Orland Park Police Department, Stronk said, "It's my responsibility to enforce state laws and local ordinances regarding the welfare and control of domestic, exotic and wild animals."

Orland Park Village Trustee Ed Schussler chairs the village's Police Committee. "Orland Park has grown to the point that we need a fulltime animal control officer," Schussler said.

Stronk added, "Residents can call the Police Department's non-emergency number if a dog is running loose or if wildlife is causing problems," noting that the department does not respond to calls regarding birds, mice, rats or any type of waterfowl, adding that waterfowl are protected by the federal government.

Before joining the village's Police Department staff, Stronk was self-employed and owns T & C Trapping, an animal control company that he's operated for fifteen years. A native of the southwest suburbs, Stronk is an alumnus of Carl Sandburg High School. He holds an Animal Damage Control License from the Department of Natural Resources, being licensed in both Illinois and Indiana. Stronk has two children, Willie, 16 and Marnie, 12.

"I have big shoes to fill, following Joyce Del Ricco as Orland Park's animal control officer," Stronk said. Del Ricco was named Orland Park's first animal control officer in 1996, serving until she lost a valiant battle with cancer in May, 2003. "Joyce was a great animal lover who certainly left her mark on the Orland Park community," he added.

"We're very pleased to have someone with Steve's professional expertise pick up where Joyce left off," said Orland Park Police Chief Tim McCarthy. "She set a very high standard," he added.

Stronk said that the most common domestic animal problem in Orland Park is stray dogs that wander away from home. "Pay attention to your family pets. Make sure that they're current on their shots and that they have tags—both from the county and from the village," he said. "All animals in the Village of Orland Park must be tagged, leashed and collared," Stronk added.

Stray domestic animals picked up in Orland Park are taken to the Animal Welfare League in Chicago Ridge. Families that lose a pet should contact Animal Welfare to ask about a missing dog.

A common call that Stronk responds to is raccoons opening residents' outdoor garbage cans. "Raccoons are smart creatures," Stronk said. "They know how to get those cans rocking enough to knock them over and pop off the lid," he explained.

Homeowners who find themselves competing with raccoons might consider putting their garbage cans inside of their garage, if possible. "If you can't put them in the garage, anchor the lids with bungee cords," Strong suggested.

Yet another area of concern in Orland Park is residents' propensity for feeding migrating waterfowl. Stronk said, "Residents should not feed any of the ducks and geese in the village." He continued, "You're not doing the animals any favors by brining a loaf of bread to a retention pond. This is one of the worst things you can do for these birds."

Stronk explained that migratory waterfowl, which are protected by federal laws, must find their own food. "Some of these ducks and geese are so dependent on humans feeding them, they're not letting nature take its course. The bread that they're eating causes gastrointestinal problems and can literally kill them," he explained.

Also on the waterfront, Stronk offered a suggestion for anglers who fish at the ponds throughout the village. "Pick up your fishing line when you're done," Stronk said. "We've had people leave fishing line at some of the ponds and the poor ducks and geese get tangled up and seriously injured," he noted.

Obviously enjoying his first month on the job, Stronk smiled and said, "This is a great job. This kind of work is my life. I love all types of animals—I always have and I always will. Helping people with wildlife gives me great pleasure."

Stronk said, "People always ask how I started in this line of work and I think, 'What would I be doing if I wasn't doing this?' It's in my blood," Stronk said, adding, "I think I was born 150 years too late."

IDOT to re-open 179TH Street

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has informed the Village of Orland Park that 179th Street west of LaGrange Road is scheduled to re-open to traffic on Tuesday, September 2, 2003. Opening 179th Street and completion of roadwork at 179th Street and LaGrange Road should help relieve traffic congestion in that area.

IDOT also announced that Orland Parkway (183rd Street) will be closed for construction on Tuesday, September 2 through November.

Tinley Park Car Care Inspection

Tinley Park Car Care Council is happy to announce the 2nd annual Car Care Inspection Lanes.

A well maintained vehicle is more "forgiving" and can help jeep you out of trouble on treacherous roads or in inclement weather. Come have you car's tires, lights, belts, hoses, battery, wipers, fluids, etc. inspected free on Saturday, September 20th in the east lot of Super K-Mart, 16300 Harlem Ave from 8 am to 2 pm.

Your vehicle will be inspected by one of our volunteer mechanics with the help of a student assistant from Tinley Park High School. The Tinley Park Police Crime Prevention Unit will be there performing child seat safety checks.

News from St. Michaels of Orland

On September 12th, the students of St. Michael School took turns dunking the principal, Mr. James Muting after he challenged each member of the community to read over the summer as an incentive to continue improving individual reading and writing skills.

"...I told the school community that if any person read 12 or more books over the summer, they could dunk the principal. Little did I dream that 4,376 books would be read and over 200 students, teachers, staff and parents would be dunking me," said Muting "I am so proud of these young men and women for their commitment to this program. We hope to build on this in the future."

Fifth through eighth grade students will no longer be eating at their desks during lunch. For the first time in ten years, students will eat in a cafeteria style setting in the school gym.

"Our students had 12 minutes to eat lunch at their desks last year and recess for 12 minutes in the school parking lot....," said Principal Muting.

The "cafegymatorium", as Muting likes to call it, will seat 200 students at 12 cafeteria tables at two 30-minute lunch periods. The school will continue the hot lunch program and in the future hopes to have a variety of healthy lunch time foods for both students and faculty.

Anthony DellaCroce, Gwen Mallon, Saule Grybaukas, Nick Tarantino, Nick Swiatkowski, Algis Kasniunas, Mary Glennon, Maggie Ostrowski, Shannon Lites, Elizabeth Downs, Melissa Berg, Elliot Obregon, Stephanie De La Torre and Joey Swintek were named as this year's video club members.

Local family business opens 6TH store

Leep's Supply Co., a family run business servicing the plumbing industry since 1954 is happy to announce the of it's 6th store in Lynwood, Illinois at 19830 Stony Island Avenue. Leeps was started in Highland, Indiana by Nick Leep, and has since opened stores around Northwest Indiana in Merrillville, Hobart, Michigan City, and one in Lansing, Illinois. Leep's supply Co. is very excited about opening it sixth store as they are about to celebrate their 50TH anniversary.

Brad Gossman, an employee of Leep's Supply for over 20 years stated, "we are very excited about the opportunity to serve Illinois in a whole new dimension with our new 40,000 square foot Lynwood facility. This is definitely a true success story of a small family business beating all odds."

Leep's Supply Co. is a plumbing distributor to Northwest Indiana and the South side of Chicago.

If you'd like more information about Leep's Supply please call David Hamstra at (219) 756-5337 or e-mail David at davidhamstra@leeps.com

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Receiving the Silver Medal

Receiving the silver medal in the 50 Yard /free Race, ages 10 & Under, from His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago during the 22nd Annual Greek Orthodox Junior Olympic Games was Steven Kouchis of the S.S. Constantine & Helen Parish in Palos Hills, IL. The recent 22nd Annual Greek Orthodox Junior Olympic Games attracted thousands of participants from the six-state region of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago.

The "Moss Trap" will be presented by the Orland Park Theatre Troupe for one weekend only, Friday, Sept. 27th at 8 pm, Saturday, the 28th at 8pm, and Sunday the 29th at 2 pm and 7 pm.

Tickets are available from members of the cast or at the village's Loebe Recreation Center; 14650 S. Ravinia Ave., at a cost of $12 for adults, $10 for seniors and $8 for children three to eleven. Call 708 / 403 PARK for more info.

Grand Opening set

State Senator Emil Jones, Jr (D-14) who is also president of the Illinois State Senate and State Representative Robert "Bob" Rita (D-28th) are hosting the Grand Opening of their suburban legislative offices located at 13543 S. Cicero Ave., Crestwood, Il on Sunday, September 21st from 12:30 to 2:30 pm.

Food and refreshments will be served. Other dignitaries and elected officials will be present . For more information, please contact Lorena at (708) 396-2822

Swap your flowers

Area gardeners can diversify their gardens for free by participating in the Oak Lawn Park District's Great Perennial Divide, held on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9 - 10 am at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. Bring your existing perennial plants that you no longer enjoy and exchange them for new perennials from other area gardeners. Take home as many plants as you bring.

For more information, call the park district at (708) 857-2200 or e-mail info@olparks.com

Golf Outing Benefit to be held

John Dallio, 24 is a resident of Oak Lawn. He attended Sward Grammer School, and Mt. Carmel High School, and went on to attend De Paul University. In 2002, he was diagnosed with Globlastoma Multiform (GBM) grade 4. He is currently taking post-graduate classes at DePaul.

GBM is the most common, most aggressive of the primary brain tumors, and it is highly malignant. Few patients with GBM survive past 3 years once diagnosed. John has undergone the traditional treatments for cancer, since he was diagnosed, which have kept the tumor stable, including radiation and chemotherapy. This past June, his tumor grew, forcing him to undergo a frontal lobotomy in which they removed the entire right frontal lobe of his brain.

Among countless hours of research, he has started taking an experimental serum which has been shown to stop the tumor growth in 15 days and in some instances, reduce the size of the tumor. This experimental treatment is only being taken by 20 patients throughout the world, and is very expensive. One year's treatment will cost $30,000.

We are trying to raise half of that to allow John to take the serum long enough until he can receive a grant.

Join us at a golf outing for John on Monday, September 29th at Gardens Country Club to raise the money to continue his treatment and hopefully the treatment of others. All of the money raised will go toward treatment of GBM with this serum. If you are unable to attend the benefit, but would like to contribute to John's treatment, a trust fund has been set up in his name at Harris Bank, 5151 W. 95th Street, Oak Lawn 60453. A certified letter stating John's diagnosis from his oncologist is available upon request, and a receipt of donation will be available for your tax benefits.

If you have any questions, contact George Les at 708 / 599-7990 (W) 708 / 614-7230 (rest.) or 708 / 932-8599 (cell), or Steve Loulousis at 708 / 425-7366 (H) or 312 / 243-7515 (W)

Attention: calling all quilters!

Attention: All quilters, beginning or experienced. The Chicago Quilter's Guild is a non-profit community outreach guild looking for new members to help in a community service project we are currently undertaking. Any suburban or Chicago resident is welcome to join. Meetings are held normally on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in St. Bede's Church hall at 8200 S. Kostner Ave., in Chicago. However, the October meeting, only, will be held on October 8.

Entrance to the hall is on Kostner, the second set of doors north of 83rd St. Speakers or demonstrations are scheduled following a short business meeting and refreshment. Dues are $20 per year and guests can attend for $3 which is deducted from the first year's dues.

The guild has workshops to learn new techniques, in addition to community service projects such as making baby quilts and toiletry bags for abused and homeless women. Come join a fun group who are also good bakers!!! Call 708 / 424-7527 for more information.

Bargains galore to be found

Bargains galore may be found at the United Methodist Church, (7100 W. 112th Street), of Worth's semi-annual Rummage Sale to be held on Thursday, October 2 and on Friday, October 3 (which is $3 bag day). 10 am to 2 pm, on both days. Call (708) 448-6682 for more information.

Garden Novices meets

The Southside Garden Novices will meet on Tuesday, October 14th, at 7:00 pm to hear Barb Bridges, of Sid's Greenhouse, give an overview of perennials. Meetings are held in the Chicago Ridge Village Hall, lower level. Enter on the east side of the building. The meeting is free to members, but there is a $2 fee for visitors. For more information, call 708 / 636-7931

Garden Club to meet

The Oak Lawn Garden club will hold its September meeting on Thursday, September 25th at 4625 W. 100th Street a t 9:15 am. There will be a plant exchange and social hour.

For further information, call 708 / 424-4846.

Get Crafty

Join the Craft group at the H.B. Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park. The multi-talented ladies meet every Thursday at 9:30 am. The friendly group welcomes newcomers.

For further information, phone (708) 422-8776

Spaghetti dinner served

A spaghetti dinner will be served by the United Methodist Church of Worth on saturday, September 27th. Hours are 4:40-7:30 pm. Adults are $6, children uner 5 are free and tickets may be conveniently pursued at the door. Takeouts will also be available the church is lacated at 7100 W. 112th Street, Worth.

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Worth's verdict: no vote on subdivision issue

by David Vognar

The Village of Worth's town hall was packed to the brim Tuesday, September 2, with citizens eager to hear the village board's ruling on the proposed subdivision project at 6700 Home Avenue. For weeks now, the plan to divide one of Worth's larger land plots into three lots has been a lightning-rod for criticism. Neighbors have complained that the proposed building would blight the aesthetics of the area, and were hoping that the board would overturn the measure.

Unfortunately for them, the board opted to say neither 'yea' nor 'nay' to the subdivision plan by Bolingbrook's Associated Surveying Group, instead deciding to wait two weeks until the next board meeting. It will then accept a subdivision offer for further review. The board will not likely vote on the development plan until the 6th of October, its first meeting of that month. Although neither Associated Surveying Group nor upset neighbors won their battle Tuesday night, both sides took important steps to achieving their goals.

Associated had been returning to present the board with a redacted copy of its subdivision plan, amending their blue-prints to extend the property's frontage area to 55.5 feet. One major problem Associated has had in selling its design is that the proposed subdivision would be less than 60 feet in width at some lot corners. Per village code, buildings must be at least 60 feet wide at every part of the building area—at one point, the building's width shrinks to 50 feet. However, as Associated representative George Arnold stated, in Worth's own subdivision ordinance, the village only specifies a 60 feet width at a building's setback; the developer's plans called for more than that width at the setback. Fielding questions from the board, Arnold also cited a corner lot building statute, which allots builders a 10% deviation in village regulations for special needs.

Yet, those Worth residents living in and around the proposed development were in high duress at the prospect of what they viewed as another black eye for their neighborhood. Years earlier, a similar subdivision was constructed near 115th and Nashville, in what can be described as a "scrunching" style. Instead of conforming to the general comportment of already-standing homes, "scrunching" entails manipulating house widths and lengths to fit a lot size, regardless of a neighborhood's general design style. While such designing is both more feasible in regards to economy and space, it can make buildings look out of place at times.

Neighbors certainly were not ;pleased with the proposed changes. "I want it left that way," said Mary Comboy of the current lot at 6700 Home Ave. "It would look horrible (changed), for one." Ms. Comboy's response was typical of the crowd gathered to oppose the plan. Some residents even suggested that the developers and the village do some additional homework. One stipulation in building codes states that setbacks be no less than 5 feet from bordering property, or 10% of a lot's size, whichever number is greatest. The proposed lot size currently up for debate is 96 feet long, meaning that the property's setbacks need to be at least 9.6 feet wide. As of now, the proposed setbacks are slated for little more than 5 feet.

With Associated headed back to the drawing board and the subdivision proposition to appear at a future board meeting, concerned citizens of Worth had reason to exhale a big sigh Tuesday night. There was no vote, but their voices were heard loud and clear.

Palos Park Meets

by Carlene O'Connor

West Nile disease has been found in Palos Park. The council voted on Sept. 8 to spray Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of that week to combat the mosquitoes.

The virus was found in mosquitoes in areas of 86th Ave. south of Route 83, Wild Cherry Lane, west of LaGrange Road and Ramsgate Drive, west of Wolf Road said Village Administrator Patricia Jones.

Spraying kills approximately 30% of the mosquitoes and residents are still cautioned to watch out for standing water and spry themselves with deet.

A cold winter will soon kill off all of the bugs.

On the same day, there was a special meeting to discuss a new concrete bridge structure across Mill Creek on 119th Street, between 88th Ave. and 93rd Ave.

The stone that was chosen to create the bridge, even though it's more expensive, to give it a rustic look and keep with how the old bridge looked, is limestone. Preliminary cost estimates for the project will be discussed at the next meeting. For insurance purposes, the council plans on closing the bridge during construction.

Possibly June 2004, they could set out to bid on the project and work could begin the following April.

The Police Department is hosting and Open House for teenagers to come and be police cadets. Anyone is welcome. Contact the police department for more details. You do not have to be a Palos Park resident to participate in the program.

The Palos Park Woman's Club Farmers Market is open on Fridays, from 8:30 am to .12:30 pm in the parking lot of the Palos Park Presbyterian Community Church through October 10, 2003.

A project of the Palos Fine Arts Association, in conjunction with the Illinois Arts Week Celebration, is the one book, one Palos which is showcasing the book by Jim KoKoris , The Rich Part of Life, on Sunday, Oct 5 at 4 pm. You can meet the author at the Stagg Performing Arts Center located at 111th and Roberts Road. There will be an author presentation, discussion, scene re-enactment, and book signings. This event is free. You can check the book out at the Palos Park Library.

The home at 12309 S. 90th Ave. is available for rent by the village. If you are interested, please call Patricia Jones at 671-3702.

Everyone is invited to the McCord Gallery Art Exhibit on Oct. 11 and 12. Donation is $10. For information call 708 / 671-3757.

Pictured are Maria Thiel, coordinator of the Moraine Valley Literacy Program; Secretary of State Jesse White; Cecilia Tilsley; and Dr. Phil Bobich, assistant dean of Enrichment Programs and director of Adult Basic Education at the college.

MVCC student receives "Spotlight Award"

Moraine Valley student and Beverly community resident Cecilia Tilsley was recently recognized as a Secretary of State Jesse Whit's Illinois State Library Literacy Office "2003 Spotlight on Achievement" award winner for her accomplishments in the college's literacy program.

At one time, Tilsley was among the more than 20 million illiterate American adults. She dropped out of high school during her freshman year, and after enduring the hardships of illiteracy for nearly 35 years, sought help to overcome her inability by enrolling in Moraine Valley's literacy program and Pre-GED course. Tilsley entered Moraine Valley's program eight years ago, and through hard work and dedication, she reached her goal of obtaining a GED certificate from Moraine Valley in January 2002. She now serves as a volunteer student adviser, helping other adults who have reading disabilities, and is completing her third year with the college's AmeriCorps VISTA program, which affords her opportunities to give motivational speeches to groups throughout the community.

"It's never too late to learn," Tilsley said, "and now, when I am helping others learn to read, I feel completely fulfilled when I see the smile on their faces. I tell people once they learn a work, it's their work forever.".

She was among 10 people selected as outstanding adult literacy students in Illinois.

Local family business opens 6TH store

Leep's Supply Co., a family run business servicing the plumbing industry since 1954 is happy to announce the of it's 6th store in Lynwood, Illinois at 19830 Stony Island Avenue. Leeps was started in Highland, Indiana by Nick Leep, and has since opened stores around Northwest Indiana in Merrillville, Hobart, Michigan City, and one in Lansing, Illinois. Leep's supply Co. is very excited about opening it sixth store as they are about to celebrate their 50TH anniversary.

Brad Gossman, an employee of Leep's Supply for over 20 years stated, "we are very excited about the opportunity to serve Illinois in a whole new dimension with our new 40,000 square foot Lynwood facility. This is definitely a true success story of a small family business beating all odds."

Leep's Supply Co. is a plumbing distributor to Northwest Indiana and the South side of Chicago.

If you'd like more information about Leep's Supply please call David Hamstra at (219) 756-5337 or e-mail David at davidhamstra@leeps.com

Lynwood Store Phone: (708) 889-9741, Lynwood Store Fax: (708) 889-9744

Receiving the Silver Medal

Receiving the silver medal in the 50 Yard free Race, ages 10 & Under, from His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago during the 22nd Annual Greek Orthodox Junior Olympic Games was Steven Kourchis of the S.S. Constantine & Helen Parish in Palos Hills, IL. The recent 22nd Annual Greek Orthodox Junior Olympic Games attracted thousands of participants from the six-state region of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago.

Bargains galore to be found

Bargains galore may be found at the United Methodist Church, 7100 W. 112th Street), of Worth's semi-annual Rummage Sale to be held on Thursday, October 2 and on Friday, October 3 (which is $3 bag day). 10 am to 2 pm. on both days. Call (708) 448-6682 for more information

Golf Outing Benefit to be held

John Dillio, 24 is a resident of Oak Lawn. He attended St. Gerald Grammar School and M.C. [illegible] High School, and went on to attend DePaul University. In 2002, he was diagnosed with Glioblastoma Multiform (GBM) grade 4. He is currently taking post-graduate classes at DePaul.

GBM is the most common, most aggressive of the primary brain tumors, and it is highly malignant. Few patients with GBM survive past 3 years once diagnosed. John has undergone the traditional treatments for cancer, since he was diagnosed, which have kept the tumor stable, including radiation and chemotherapy. This past June, this tumor grew, forcing him to undergo a frontal lobotomy in which they removed the entire right frontal lobe of his brain.

Among countless hours of research, he has started taking an experimental serum which has been shown to stop the tumor growth in 35 days and in some instances, reduce the size of the tumor. This experimental treatment is only being taken by 20 patients throughout the world and is very expensive. One year's treatment will cost $30,000.

We are trying to raise half of that to allow John to take the serum long enough until he can receive a grant.

Join us at a golf outing for John on Monday, September 29th at Gardens Country Club to raise the money to continue this treatment and hopefully the treatment of others. [illegible] If you are unable to attend the benefit, but would like to contribute to John's treatment, a trust fund has been set up in his name at Harris Bank, 5515 W. 95th Street, Oak Lawn 60453. A certified letter stating John's diagnosis from his oncologist is available upon request, and a receipt of donation will be available for your tax benefits.

If you have any questions, contact George Lesar at 708 599-7990 (W), 708 614-7230 (rest.), or 708 932-8599 (cell), or Steve [illegible] at 708 425-7366 (H) or 312 243-5515 (W)

Attention all quilters

Attention: All quilters, beginning or experienced. The Chicago Quilter's Guild is a non-profit community outreach guild looking for new members to help in a community service project we are currently undertaking. Any suburban or Chicago resident is welcome to join. Meetings are held normally on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in St. Bede's Church hall at 8200 S. Kostner Ave. in Chicago. However, the October meeting only will be held on October 8.

Entrance to the hall is on Kostner, the second set of doors north of 83rd St. Speakers or demonstrations are scheduled following a short business meeting and [illegible] 200 [illegible] of the group's [illegible].

The guild has [illegible] in addition to community service projects such as making baby quilts and toiletry bags for abused and homeless women. Come join a fun group who are also good bakers!! Call 708 424-7527 for more information.

Garden Novices meets

The Southside Garden Novices will meet on Tuesday, October 14th at 7:00 pm to hear [illegible] of [illegible]'s Greenhouse, give an overview of perennials. Meetings are held in the Chicago Ridge Village Hall, downstairs. Entrance on the east side of the building. The meeting is free to members, but there is $2 fee for visitors. For more information, call 708 636-7931

Garden Club to meet

The Oak Lawn Garden club will hold its September meeting on Thursday, September 25th at 4625 W. 100th Street at 9:55 am. There will be a plant exchange and social hour.

For further information, call 708 424-4846.

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Grand Opening set

State Senator Emil Jones, Jr. (D-14), who is also president of the Illinois State Senate and State Representative Robert "Bob" Rita (D-28th) are hosting the Grand Opening of their suburban legislative offices located at 13543 S. Cicero Ave., Crestwood, Ill. on Sunday, September 21st from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Food and refreshments will be served. Other dignitaries and elected officials will be present. For more information, please contact [illegible] at (708) 396-2822.

Spaghetti dinner served

A spaghetti dinner will be served by the United Methodist Church of Worth on Saturday, September 27th. Hours are 4:30-7:30 p.m. Adults are $6, children under 5 are free and tickets may be [illegible] purchased at the door. Takeouts will also be available. The church is located at 7100 W. 112th Street, Worth.

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Military News

Dannielle R. Carroll has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) National Advanced Leadership Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. Upon graduation the ROTC cadet was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army.

The camp provides the best possible professional training and evaluation for all cadets in the aspects of camp life, administration and logistical support. Although continued military training and leadership development is included in the curriculum, the primary focus at camp is to develop and evaluate each cadet's officer potential. The cadet command assesses each cadet's performance and progress in officer traits, qualities and professionalism while at camp.

Her mother, Florence L. Carroll, and stepfather, Paul Mitstrow, reside in Evergreen Park.

She is a 1999 graduate of Marist High School, Chicago, and a 2003 graduate of Centre College, Danville, Ky.

Marine Corps Pvt. Cesar E. Guerrero, son of Sylvia and [illegible] Guerrero of Oak Lawn, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, along with Marine Corps Pvt. Mark L. Giancarlo, a 2003 graduate of Marist High School, Chicago. The training is designed to challenge recruits both physically and mentally.

Guerrero, Giancarlo and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Marines spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

Guerrero, Giancarlo and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean personally and in professional conduct.

Guerrero, Giancarlo ended the training phase with a 54-hour team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony where he was presented the Marine Corps Emblem and addressed as "Marine" for the first time in his career.

Guerrero is a 2003 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School of Oak Lawn.

Garbage Haulers' strike affects Orland Park

The garbage haulers' strike that began last week affects nearly every homeowner and business in the Chicago area, including the Village of Orland Park. Orland Park, like other communities, has a private company to pick up garbage. Waste Management serves Orland Park.

Residents and businesses are being asked to keep all refuse in containers on their property and to secure them to help keep out animals. Do not put refuse out at the curb as there will be no pickup during the strike. Once the strike is settled, pickup service will resume.

If the strike has not been settled by Wednesday, October 8, 2003, a garbage drop off area at the Orland Park Public Works facility, 15655 South Ravinia, will be open for Orland Park residents to bring household waste that cannot be kept on their property. Residents must call Public Works at 708-403-6350 to schedule a time before bringing any garbage to the facility. This drop off is for Orland Park residents' household garbage only and only if absolutely necessary. All garbage must be bagged and secured. Please do not bring recycling materials, yard waste, tires, hazardous waste materials or construction materials.

Residents should either mulch their grass or not mow lawns during the strike so that they can use the large yard waste containers for their household garbage.

Unfortunately, this strike affects all private refuse companies and [illegible] cooperation and [illegible] with the [illegible]. We ask for the public's cooperation and patience during this time.

55 Alive program

Reservations are required for OSC's 55 Alive course sponsored by AARP being held on Oct. 7 & 8, 12:30-4:30pm at H.B. Miller Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St. EP. Cost is $10.

Senator Maggie Crotty & [illegible] the Pledge of Allegiance at [illegible] High School's [illegible] assembly on Friday, Sept. 19.

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The Monthly Forecast for October 2003
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***"It's Elementary Astrology®"* Psychic Insight** based on the **Elements: "Water"** (Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces), **"Earth"** (Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn), **"Fire"** (Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius), **"Air"** (Gemini, Libra and Aquarius) and **Astrology Sun Signs.** Initials given if any can be first or last names of people involved.

"Water Signs:" This is not a good time to be [illegible] things that have no long-range [illegible]. [illegible] takes pay off. You have a lot of other things to get into [illegible] financial matters, dealing with younger people and the elderly as well. [illegible] more meditation time to relax... let go and let your God back into your life. E... N... W and F are all involved this month and at least two trips.

"Earth Signs:" This is your month to "fix it to it" and make your energies both seen and heard for what they offer. Some of your time should be spent in reconnecting relationships. You can overcome most challenges this month using simple reasoning powers. F and K can become involved in your personal life... be careful not to say anything this month that you would not want repeated. A woman seems bent on making you make promises that you may not be able to keep. A closed mind is very difficult to communicate with... don't try.

"Fire Signs:" This month shows you new ways to do old jobs. It also brings money into your life and new ways to make more of it. C... L... S and someone F can become directly involved in your plans. Watch your weight this month; if you are on a diet, mental exercising can also help you. In some cases your own predictability is tested. It is accurate but others may need to "see it or feel it for themselves." Remember... you may not be able to prove what is happening, but they cannot prove it isn't or won't happen. Angels work with you this month.

"Air Signs:" This month you should be doing more around the home. Fixing things and making your home available to people who may need a place to stay for a time is in the October offering. T and C or K can become involved in your plans for recreation too. This is not a good month to let things slide. When something comes up, do it and move on to new things. Don't leave loose ends or you will reap the reward of "stress" and/or "money." See to details early.

NOTE: Have a Personal Psychic Session "One-on-One" with me in person [illegible] by phone or in a home session. These are taped for your later recall. Send for a Free Brochure of my Services at P.O. Box 802, Oak Lawn, IL 60454 or call 708-597-5866 or 6721. You can go to my websites for more: [illegible]. I am a Professional Profiler. [illegible] [7 to 8:30pm] at 122nd & Harlem on Oct 15th & "Bonus Night" the 22nd and at The Oak Forest Bowl [7-9pm] at 152nd & Cicero on Oct 29th. By appointment [illegible] Welcome. Call my office at 708-597-5866 or 597-6721. [illegible] to help you [illegible] "get the most" [illegible] it works!

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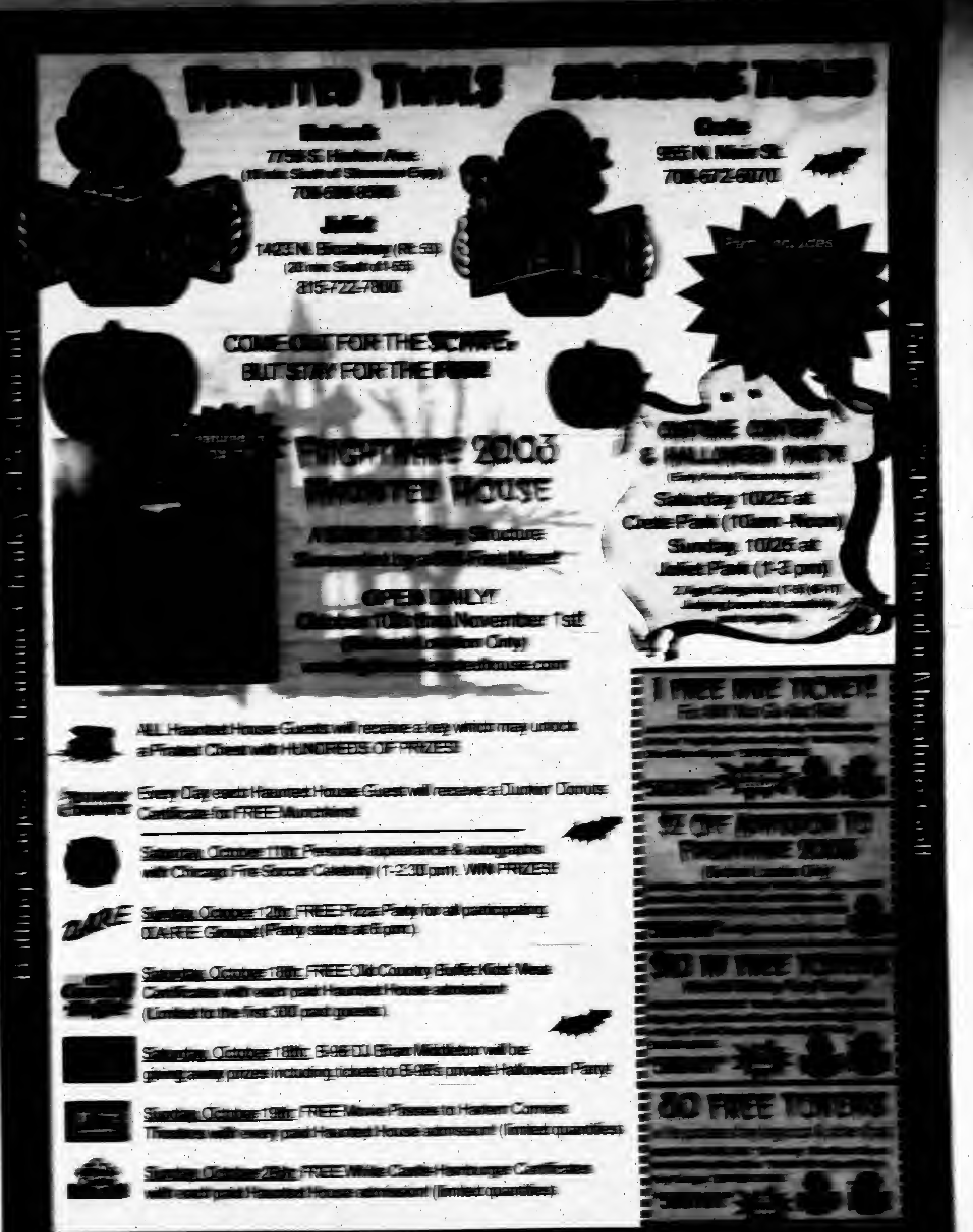

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Saturday, October 18th: FREE Old Country Buffet Kids' Meal Certificates with each paid Haunted House admission! (Limited to the first 300 paid guests).

Saturday, October 18th: B-96 DJ Brian Middleton will be giving away prizes including tickets to B-96's private Halloween Party!

Sunday, October 19th: FREE Movie Passes to Harlem Cermak Theatres with every paid Haunted House admission! (limited quantities).

Sunday, October 26th: FREE White Castle Hamburger Certificates with each paid Haunted House admission! (limited quantities).

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Medical information

New from Palos Community Hospital

Fibromyalgia Workshop

Palos Community Hospital's Physical Therapy Department will offer a three-part exercise, education, and self-management seminar for persons with fibromyalgia. Classes will meet from 9 to 11 a.m. on three consecutive Saturdays beginning October 11.

Fibromyalgia is an arthritis-like condition, characterized by pain and stiffness in the muscles, tendons and ligaments. The pain of fibromyalgia can be intense and debilitating, but it is treatable. The workshops will meet at Palos Health & Fitness Center, 15430 West Avenue, Orland Park. The cost is $75. Please call (708) 460-5494 for more information or to register.

Seminar on Winter Sports

You're not too old to enjoy typical winter sports, but it is important that you know how to exercise to prevent injury, dress for the weather, use appropriate equipment, and get lessons from a professional. Palos Community Hospital's presentation "Snow Sports: Downhill & Cross-Country Skiing, Snowboarding and Snowshoeing" will give information to keep you safe while you have fun. The presentation will meet at Palos Health & Fitness Center, 15430 West Avenue in Orland Park on Wednesday, October 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. Call (708) 923-5050 for more information or to register.

Medicare Workshop

Medicare rules and regulations may leave you with many unanswered questions. If so, you may use the specially trained staff in the Senior Resource Department to sort out issues and answer questions at a free Medicare Workshop from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, October 14. The session will meet at Palos Community Hospital, 12251 S. 80th Avenue in Palos Heights in Conference Rooms E1 & E2. To reserve your seat, call (708) 923-4785.

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center plans Open House

Free health screenings, children's activities, tours and refreshments are planned for the community open house celebration of St. Francis Hospital & Health Center's new $34-million expansion Saturday, October 11 from 1 to 4 p.m.

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center's new three-level expansion features a comprehensive heart center with diagnostic, treatment and operation areas in one location; an emergency department that has expanded to twice its former size; and a new Women's Center featuring mammography, ultrasound, bone densitometry and massage. Ranked as one of the best nationally, the heart program includes within its diagnostic and therapeutic services echocardiography, nuclear medicine, vascular ultrasound, electrocardiogram (EKG) testing, stress testing, patient exam rooms, and three cardiac catheterization laboratories.

Included within its renovation is a spacious and comfortable lobby and waiting area; a gourmet coffee bar; and an outdoor park with prairie landscaping, seating areas, and a waterfall/pond. Colleen L. Kannaiday, president explains the new expansion and addition is a reflection of the hospital's deep commitment to Blue Island and the surrounding communities. Tours of the new addition will be available at the community open house celebration along with refreshments, face painting, balloons, entertainment, giveaways and door prizes.

Catholic Charities dedicates Residence with Supportive Living for Seniors

Cortland Manor, a newly renovated and renamed residence on Chicago's northwest side has been dedicated for low-income seniors who do not need nursing home care, and could live independently with just a little help. The new name is Bishop Edwin M. Conway Residence for the recently installed Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago who culminated a 34-year ministry and performed as Administrator for the non-profit social service agency from 1983 to 1996.

The 3-story elevator building has single and double rooms currently available. Services include three meals a day, housekeeping and laundry service, social services, 24-hour security, recreation, and assistance with daily living activities. A nurse is available eight hours a day, five days a week to assist with medications and to do health assessments. The facility will house 37 elderly, low-income residents 65 years and older who are in need of a certain level of assistance in their daily activities. For further information please contact Maureen Scholle at (773) 252-8578.

Northwestern Memorial Hospital: One of the Best for Working Moms

Working Mother magazine published its list of the "100 Best Companies for Working Mothers" and Northwestern Memorial Hospital, for the fourth consecutive year, was one of ten Illinois employers and one of eight healthcare organizations nationally to make the list. Working Mother rated companies based on childcare, flexibility, leave for new parents, work/life benefits and advancement for women. Northwestern Memorial was recognized for its childcare programs, advancement opportunities for women, flexibility programs and tuition reimbursement.

78 percent of the hospital's employees are women and females make up 72 percent of the hospital's top 20 percent wage earners. Northwestern Memorial was ranked as the nation's 5th best hospital by the 2002 Consumer Checkbook survey of the nation's physicians. Working Mother magazine reaches more than 3 million readers and is the only national magazine for career-committed mothers.

Public Service Announcement

Free Prescription Drugs Available

Is your medication too expensive for your budget? If so, information in a new book might help. The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, DC has just published a 48-page book, "Free and Low Cost Prescription Drugs 7th Edition." The revised book gives information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs.

Gary Hare, director of The Institute says, "Many major drug companies provide free or low cost medications, but rarely, if ever publicize the programs." The Institute has published a listing of drugs that are available through patient assistance programs for free or at very low cost directly from the manufacturer.

Consumers can receive a copy by sending $6 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Book #PD-75, P.O. Box 210, Dallas, PA 18612-0210 or visit the web site at www.institutedc.org.

Health Tips from The Cancer Center

The Cancer Center out of The Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers publishes a newsletter with programs and advice for cancer patients. Included in one of the newsletters is the recommendations of a booklet by The National Cancer Institute (NCI) for patients undergoing cancer treatment or have completed treatment. Given are a few [illegible]

1. Melting cheese on sandwiches, bread, muffins, tortillas, hamburgers, hot dogs, other meats or fish, vegetables, eggs, or desserts such as stewed fruit or pies. Grate the cheese and add to soups, sauces, casseroles, vegetable dishes, mashed potatoes, rice, noodles, or meat loaf.

2. Add chopped, hard-cooked eggs to salads and dressings, vegetables, casseroles, and creamed meats. Add extra eggs or egg whites to quiche, pancake or French toast batter. Make a rich custard with eggs, high-protein milk, and sugar. Add extra hard-cooked yolks to deviled-egg filling and sandwich spreads. Avoid raw eggs, which may contain harmful bacteria; avoid eggs that are "runny."

3. Spread peanut butter on sandwiches, toast, muffins, crackers, waffles, pancakes, and fruit slices. Use it as a dip for raw vegetables. Blend peanut butter with milk drinks and beverages. Swirl it through soft ice cream and yogurt.

To obtain the booklet "Eating Hints for Cancer Patients", or for information about services and local activities call NCI at 1-800-227-2345 or to contact The Cancer Center call (708) 229-6001.

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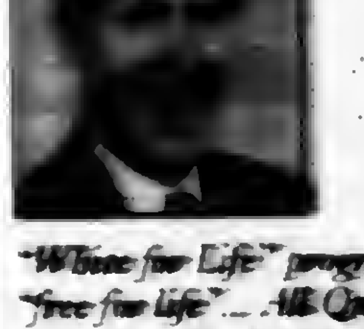

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Library News

Tinley Park Public Library

Frida Kahlo – Her Art & Her Life

Mrs. Patricia Deiters, who lectures at the Renaissance Academy at St. Xavier University, will replicate her scholarly presentation of Frida Kahlo at the Tinley Park Public Library Thursday, October 16 at 7:00 pm. Registration begins Monday, October 6 at the library or by phoning 532-0160 ext. 4.

Illinois Arts Week at TPPL

Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Illinois Arts Week at the Tinley Park Public Library and attend a special exhibit featuring work of local independent artists. After viewing the exhibit, enter our raffle for a $25 gift certificate from Hobby Lobby. The art exhibit will be open Sunday, October 12 from 1:30 – 4:30 pm. Monday and Tuesday, October 13 & 14 from 10:00 am to 8:30 pm. No registration is required for this event. Support our local talent: stop in and celebrate with us.

Family Comedy Magic Show

Everyone loves a little magic. Don Wiberg, entertainer, comedian and magician is known to captivate children and adults with illusion and humor. Bring the family to the Tinley Park Public Library on Sunday, October 26 at 2:00 pm. and join us for an afternoon of magic, mystery, and mirth. Registration begins Monday, October 13 at the library or by phoning 532-0160 ext. 4.

Tinley Tomes

The Tinley Park Public Library evening session adult book discussion group will meet Tuesday, October 28 at 7:30 pm to discuss

Crabwalk by Gunter Grass. No registration is required. Books will be available at the reference desk one month prior to discussion. Large type and recorded editions are available upon re-

Trick or Treat Crafting

The youth services department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites kids ages 7 – 9 to make a Halloween craft on Thursday, October 23 from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. Registration begins Monday, October 13 in person or by phoning 532-0160 ext. 125.

On the Spot Theatre

If you're a teen in grades 6 – 12 and enjoy performing, let the Tinley Park Public Library be your stage Monday, October 27 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. A musical, comedy, or drama will be performed "on the spot." There are no auditions or lines to memorize. Register beginning October 13 in person in the youth services department or by phoning 532-0160 ext. 125.

Teen Talk

The youth services department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grades 6 – 9 to voice their literary judgements at Teen Talk on Thursday, October 30 from 5:15 – 6:00 pm. Register and pick up the discussion book beginning October 16. For additional info. phone 532-0160 ext. 125.

Carve This! Teen Halloween / Costume Party

The youth services department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grades 6 – 12 to learn the art of pumpkin carving and transform pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns. Then partake in scary storytelling and a costume contest on Wednesday, October 29 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Refreshments served. Registration begins Wednesday, October 15 at the library or by phoning 532-0160 ext. 125.

The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

On display at Green Hills

The paintings of Walter Rens are on display at the Library throughout the month of October. Walter studied art at the American Academy of Art, Chicago Academy of Art, and YMCA College. He works in various media and describes his goal as one of "showing through painting, our precious natural and rural heritage." Mr. Rens will be demonstrating watercolor painting in the Library on Saturday, October 11 from 10 am – 2 pm in conjunction with the Illinois Arts Week events. Also on display throughout October is the work of the Foresters' Camera Club. Stop in and enjoy these beautiful collections the next time you are picking up a book or movie. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Crazy Bingo!

Attention all Hickory Hills and Palos Hills adults! Do you like to play Crazy Bingo? Bring a wrapped prize and join us for a morning of fun at the Green Hills Public Library. We will be playing Crazy Bingo on Friday, October 10, at 10:30 AM. Plan on staying for lunch to meet State Comptroller Ryan Moore who will give a consumer education program! Lunch is being funded by a grant from the Suburban Area Agency on Aging. Please call to register at 698-8446 ext. 20. The library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street, Palos Hills.

So you want to start your own business?

Join us at the Green Hills Public Library Wednesday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m. to learn what you need to know to start your own business. Have questions? This is the place to get answers with Bob Miller and Thomas Redler from Moraine Valley Community College. This program will cover the basics of what you need to know to start your own business. A question and answer session will follow the presentation, so have your questions ready! Please call 598-8446 ext. 20 or stop in to register at the Reference Desk. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

"Catch 22" to be discussed

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, is starting their Great Books Discussion on Wednesday, October 15th, at 7:00 p.m. with Joseph Heller's "Catch 22". All are welcome to join us and discuss this classic satire of war and its physical and psychological effects on a young airman caught in the turmoil of World War II. Copies of the book are available at the library, as is an audiocassette version. Book discussions are free and please call 423-7753 if you need more information.

Annual Book Sale in Chicago Ridge

The Friends of the Chicago Ridge Public Library will hold their annual Book Sale from October 10-12th. Friday, October 10th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. the book sale is open to members; non-members pay a $2 admission fee. Saturday, October 11th, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. the general public is welcomed to the sale, bakery items will be available for purchase. Sunday, October 12th from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. is "Buck a Bag" day, stuff as many books as you can in a bag for only $1. The library is located at 10400 S. Oxford. For more information call (708) 423-7753.

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Local News

"The Haunting on Marcey Street"

"The Haunting on Marcey Street" will host an elaborate Halloween Mecca featuring a 30,000 square foot haunted house "Suffering City: the Warehouse of Trapped Souls" created by local theatre company Collaboraction.

The first annual "The Haunting on Marcey Street" is an elaborate Halloween festival for all ages. Lincoln Park retailers, restaurants and businesses join together to provide everything from upscale Halloween costume shopping and food stands to a pumpkin patch and putt-putt golf benefiting Children's Memorial Hospital and Parkways Foundation.

The Main Attraction "Suffering City: the Warehouse of Trapped Souls": is a tour-based experience promising to evoke the pain and horror of endless suffering. The Jefferson Award-Winning multi-disciplinary company, Collaboraction, has pulled together an all-star team of local directors, actors, designers and producers to insure audiences are both physically shocked and psychologically disturbed. Additionally, Collaboraction has created a "Scary Town" for kids.

WHERE: 1840 N. Marcey Street (behind Goose Island Brewery) in Lincoln Park

WHEN: Open to the Public October 8th-31st

"The Haunting on Marcey Street": Wednesday 4p.m.-11p.m., Thursday and Friday 4p.m.-Midnight, Saturday 12p.m.-Midnight, Sunday 12p.m.-10p.m.

"Suffering City: a Warehouse of Trapped Souls": Wednesday 7p.m.-11p.m., Thursday 7p.m.-Midnight, Friday and Saturday 6p.m.-Midnight, Sunday 12p.m.-10p.m., Sunday 6p.m.-10p.m.

Admission to the event is $5.00. Suffering City is $10.00 and Scary Town is $5.00. Valet Parking is available. For more information call 312.226.9944 or www.thehauntingonmarceystreet.com.

For more information contact CarrieAnn DeYoung at 312.735.0363.

Buffy Baggott

Cornelius Johnson

Jonathan Beyers

Kimberly Jones

"Another Evening Of Song" vocal concert

Concert to Celebrate Illinois Arts Week

The Village of Orland Park and the Orland Park Arts Commission will celebrate Illinois Arts Week by sponsoring a vocal concert at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 18, 2003. Another Evening of Song will be presented at the Carl Sandburg High School Performing Arts Center, 13300 South LaGrange Road.

Another Evening of Song will feature Lyric Opera alumna soprano Kimberly Jones and Northwestern alumnus tenor Cornelius Johnson returning from last year's concert. Jones and Johnson will be joined by mezzo-soprano Buffy Baggott, an alumna of the Lyric Opera Center for American Artists and baritone Jonathan Beyer, an Orland Park native and graduate of Carl Sandburg High School and the Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University. Lee Koonce, Executive Director of the Sherwood Conservatory of Music in Chicago will accompany on the piano.

Tickets go on sale Thursday, August 14th at the Cashier's Office, located on the first floor of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. Reserved seating tickets are $15.00 for adults and $12.00 for seniors/students. For groups of fifteen or more, tickets may be purchased at a reduced rate of $10.00 per ticket. The Cashier's Office is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For more information, call (708) 403-6140.

Get your spooky ads in the Village View for the October 21st issue

Diane Seiler

Founders Bank names new vice president

Helen Socha, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Founders Banks, announces the appointment of Diane Seiler to Vice president Commercial Loans, at their Tinley Park location.

"Seiler will be working with the bank's commercial customers", said Socha, "we are pleased that she joined Founders Bank. She is very involved in the communities we serve and will be an asset to our organization."

Seiler commented, "I am looking forward to working with the excellent staff and am excited about the array of sophisticated products Founders has to offer. Each is designed to help businesses better manage their financial needs. At Founders we strive to make the lives of our customers just a little bit easier; the introduction of Internet access to business accounts has just done that."

Seiler, a long time resident of Lockport, is married with four children. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of St. Francis with a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Organizational Management. Seiler is currently serving her second term as Alderman for the City of Lockport's 1st Ward and is actively involved in several of the city's committees. She has been a member of Lockport Rotary Club since 1995, now serving as President-elect. She is also presently serving as a Director of the Lockport Chamber of commerce. Prior to her service on Lockport's City Counsel, she was a school board member of District #91 and was appointed as the District's representative to the Lockport Area Special Education Cooperative Board, which serves the needs of educationally challenged and disabled population. She is a former member of the lockport Education Foundation.

To learn more about the Bank's products and services for businesses and individuals, please contact their Customer Service Center at 708-448-6500. Founders Bank has offices in Worth, Oak Lawn, Palos Heights, Tinley Park, Mount Greenwood, Channahon, Minooka, Plainfield, Homer Glen and Joliet.

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F.Y.I. News

Wheaton Local Wins Top Honors at Scholarship Pageant

Ashley Kramer took home top honors when she was crowned the 2003 Miss America's National Senior Teenager on Aug. 9 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn.

State pageant winners from all over the nation came to compete in the America's National Teenager Scholarship Pageant to showcase their talents and achievements. Kramer received a $10,000 scholarship along with a full four-year tuition scholarship to Oklahoma City University.

Kramer, 17, is a Wheaton, Ill., native and a junior at Wheaton North High School where she is actively involved in various clubs and organizations. Kramer is a National Merit Scholar and ranked third out of a class of 510. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and a Student Council representative.

Kramer has served on many church projects and organizations within her community, as well as surrounding regions. Some of her community service activities have included the Manhattan Bible Church Missions and Dominican Republic Boys' Orphanage.

In her spare time, Kramer enjoys playing soccer, singing in the choir and participating in her school's musical theater productions

"I met a lot of great girls and made lifelong friends," said Kramer of her week in Nashville. "The experience has been incredible, and winning the title of America's National Senior Teenager is truly an honor."

America's National Teenager Scholarship Organization is a division of Brentwood, Tenn.-based Encore Enterprises. Other Encore entities include Encore Pageant Apparel and Boot Camp for Beauty Queens. For more information about participating with the pageant organization, call (866) NAT-TEEN, or visit the Web at www.nationalteen.com.

New book- Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance

Two out of three stepfamilies fail, in large part, because there is no model for how to make them work. Yet blended/step-families have now become the most common form of family. This means plenty of children are growing up in a confused environment. Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance, a new book being released this October and co-authored by a stay-at-home dad and his daughter, provides a positive example of how to bring a blended family together successfully. The book offers a no-nonsense but fun model of a family community made up of different parents, kids and people helping each other learn to take care of one another in a constructive way.

A single father of three and celebrated Columbia/RCA recording artist, Quateman, gives us a lyrical multimedia book with music CD in collaboration with his co-author/illustrator- 8-year old daughter, India Rain. Having actively raised three kids, including staying home to care for his son for five years, Bill offers unique, from-the-trenches, often humorous, down-to-earth insights into helping children and families grow together, instead of apart.

"We need to learn how to be kind and how to care for our kids, with the same intensity that we have for wanting to be rich and beautiful," says Bill.

Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance tells us; the most important thing parents can teach their children, the two most important things we can do for our kids, the three basic building blocks for an adolescent's growth, what we can do for ourselves that will help our children the most, and the most effective, yet caring, discipline technique for young children.

Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance is a real life story of how to make your family, whatever kind, a better place, told by a father who knows that truly successful parents read their children, as well as the books. This is a story for the whole family.

A native of Chicago, from the age of 14 Bill Quateman played a variety of music around town until, in the 70's, he began singing and playing in Windy City clubs and coffeehouses.

Shortly thereafter, Quateman was signed to Columbia Records, by legendary music impresario Clive Davis. There, he began building a devoted fan base following the release of his debut album, "Bill Quateman," which led to critical acclaim, national tours and three albums for RCA.

A devoted single father of three, Bill has been raising his family in the Los Angeles area. A prolific writer, Quateman has created several multi-media projects, including a children's movie musical, that center on the important and basic human issues of truth and beauty.

His 1st book for Angel Mind, a collaboration with his daughter India while she was 3-6 years old, is a book that identifies how blended or stepfamilies have now become the nation's most prevalent and popular form of family, and shows us first-hand how such families can live harmoniously and lovingly.

His self-titled album, "Bill Quateman," and the previously unreleased "The Almost Eve of Everything" are now available on CD via his online music company, billquateman.com. Bill is currently recording a new CD.

He also maintains a humanitarian benefit effort, 4All of Us. Portions of the profits from all of Mr. Quateman's projects are for raising awareness and funding for the EduCare Foundation (educarefoundation.com), a non-profit organization teaching heart-centered awareness to children ages 6-18.

India Rain Quateman, now 8, began drawing and singing, at the age of 2½. Her talents have been blossoming and she made her stage debut in Chicago in 2002, singing with her father.

India lives half the time with her dad and brother and the other time with her mom, step-dad, stepbrother and new baby stepsister. She is a 2nd grader at Highland Hall Waldorf School. India continues to draw and sing, cartwheel and dance with serious whimsy and great abandon.

Correction

In a recent travel destination article directions to the Great Wolf Lodge and it's Wiley's Woods attraction for kids was inadvertantly dropped. The lodge is near the intersection Highway 12 and I-90/94 at the entrance to Wisconsin Dells.

Call 1-800-559-9653 for more info and reservations.

U.S. Cellular agent honored by Minority Enterprise Developement Council

Urban Media Group - a U.S. Cellular agent in Chicagoland and northwest Indiana - was recently named "Minority Retail Firm of the Year" by the Minority Enterprise Development Council, an organization that fosters and supports local minority entrepreneurs. Urban Media Group received this award in recognition of its tremendous growth in sales, customer base and retail locations.

"We are proud to be affiliated with Urban Media Group, which places such a high priority on serving a diverse group of customers in the Chicagoland area," said John E. Rooney, president and CEO of U.S. Cellular. "We congratulate Urban Media Group on achieving the distinction of Minority Retail Firm of the Year, and look forward to a long-term relationship with this outstanding group of professionals."

A part of the wireless industry since 1996, Urban Media Group was one of the first businesses to invest in and provide retail service to urban areas. In 2002, Urban Media Group became one of U.S. Cellular's seven national wireless distributors. It now operates eight U.S. Cellular locations throughout Chicagoland and northwest Indiana.

"It is a tremendous honor to be recognized by the Minority Enterprise Development Council as Minority Retail Firm of the Year," said Marc Brooks, chairman of Urban Media Group. "Urban Media Group could not have received this award without the support and commitment from our corporate partner U.S. Cellular, the loyalty of our customers and dedication from our employees." Urban Media Group, with U.S. Cellular, also maintains strong ties in the communities that it serves through event participation and grant awards.

Urban Media Group operates in Chicago and the following U.S. Cellular retail stores in suburban locations: 9500 S. Western Ave., Evergreen Park; and 2520 C Lincoln Hwy, Olympia Fields.

U.S. Cellular Corporation, the nation's eighth largest wireless service carrier, provides wireless service to more than 4.3 million customers in 150 markets throughout 26 states. The Chicago-based company has provided service to the Chicagoland area since 2002. For more information about U.S. Cellular, visit the company's Web site at www.uscellular.com.

Singing Men of Oak Brook to perform

Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, 9230 S. Pulaski Road, Oak Lawn, will present a free concert, featuring theSinging Men of Oak Brook, a non-denominational chorus of more than 25 men whose members represent a wide range of professions, churches and communities in the Chicago area and who love music and Christian ministry, on Sunday, October 19 at 5:00 pm.

For more information call (708) 422-5111. A free will offering will be taken.

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity
kathywhirity@[illegible]

The Potatoe Tale

When you have no choice but to rest your way to recovery, you soon find that you can only sit in front of the TV for so long before your mind goes to mush. Books are a wordy diversion, but after a couple of pages I find myself dozing off with the book resting peacefully on my chest.

And then there's the entertaining joy of E-mail.

I have received so many wonderful stories and jokes from friends and well-wishers, that it has become a bright spot in my day.

The following is a joke sent to me via E-mail. Blame it on boredom, but this one had me in stitches — pardon the pun.

THE POTATO TALE

Well... Girl Potato and Boy Potato had eyes for each other and finally they got married and had a little sweet potato, which they called Yam.

Of course they wanted the best for Yam.

When it was time they told her about the facts of life. They warned her about going out and getting half-baked, so she wouldn't get accidentally mashed and get a bad name for herself like "Hot Potato" and end up with a bunch of Tater Tots.

Yam said not to worry - no Spud would get her into the sack and make a rotten potato out of her! But, on the other hand, she wouldn't stay home and become a couch potato either.

She would get plenty of exercise so as not to be skinny like her Shoestring cousins.

When she went of to Europe, Mr. and Mrs. Potato told Yam to watch out for those hard boiled guys from Ireland. And the greasy guys from France caled the French Fries.

And when she went out west, to watch out for the Indians so she wouldn't get scalloped.

Yam said she would stay on the straight and narrow and wouldn't associate with those high class Yukon Golds, or the ones from the other side of the tracks who advertise their trade on all the trucks that say, "Frito-Lay."

Mr. and Mrs. Potato sent Yam to Idaho P.U. (that's Potato University) so that when she graduated she'd really be in the Chips.

But in spite of all they did for her, one day Yam came home and announced she was going to marry Tom Brokaw. TOM BROKAW?!!!

Mr. and Mrs. Potato were very upset. They told Yam she couldn't possibly marry Tom Brokaw. The reason?

He's a Common Tater!!!!

On Track Singles announces events

On October 11th, Saturday there will be Dinner And Bowling at 1:00 P.M.

We will leave St. Mary's South Parking lot by 1:00 P.M., then we'll head to Oak Forest Bowl at 15240 S. Cicero. Dinner is at Beggars Pizza, 156th and Cicero. Cost is $3.50 a game and $3 for shoe rental. For more info call Lucy Steven at 773-778-8239 after 7 P.M. or call Steve Doyle at 708-268-9482 or e-mail at sdoyle77@yahoo.com.

On October 18th, Saturday, we will go to Greek Town + the Sears Tower at 4:00 P.M.

We'll leave St. Mary's south parking lot at 4:00 P.M. and carpool to the Pulaski Orange Line station for the trip to Greek Town. Once at GreekTown we will stroll the streets and check out the stores. As Greektown has an assortment of eateries as a group we will pick a restaurant to have dinner at once we arrive. After Greektown we will hop a bus and go east then up up up to the top of the Sears tower. For more info or to register, contact Bob O'Neill at 312-401-8614.

On October 19th, Sunday, we will see the Bears @ Bourbon Street at 1:30 P.M.

We will leave St. Mary's south parking lot at 1:30 P.M. sharply for Bourbon Street Bar and Restaurant at 3359 w. 115th Street. There, we'll catch the bad news Bears as they battle for respectability. For more info, call Lucy Steven at 773-778-8239 after 7 P.M. or call Steve Doyle at 708-268-9482 or e-mail at sdoyle77@yahoo.com.

On October 19th, Sunday, we will go see Football (amateur style cont.) at 2:00 P.M.

Some members asked for an inexpensive live-football outing. It doesn't get any cheaper than this. Join St. Mary Star of the Sea as they take on St. Daniel the Prophet at West Lawn Park, 4533 West 65th Street. Game time for the varsity is 2:30 but they start sooner if the widgets are finished. You may want to bring a lawn chair if you don't want to stand for the hour and a half estimated game time (dress for the elements). We'll meet at the park and after the game, head to the new Giordano's on 63rd and Cicero. For more info or to register, call John Bobek at 773-585-8242.

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Pappas to address Beverly Ridge Lions

Maria Pappas, Cook County Treasurer, will speak before the Beverly Ridge Lions Club, Thursday, Oct. 16 following a 12 noon lunch in the Beverly Woods Restaurant, 11532 S. Western Ave.

Bob Olszewski, coordinator, announced that Maria will discuss the working of the new Treasurer's Office. Elected in 1998, Treasurer Pappas has made many major improvements benefiting Cook County residents, and is working on initiatives to improve services even further.

Treasurer Pappas, in a very short time, has significantly increased total interest earnings on monies held in County accounts. New investment systems are on pace to earn about $22 million. Newly designed tax bills and informational brochures have been created to provide better understanding about the property tax system.

Prior to being elected Treasurer, Papas served as Cook County Board Commissioner for two terms. She received her degree in sociology at West Liberty State College in West Virginia and her Master's Degree in guidance and counseling at West Virginia State University. She went on to receive her Doctorate in counseling and psychology from Loyola University and in 1982 received her Juris Doctorate from Kent College of Law in Chicago.

Under her direction, the Treasurer's Office has implemented a new cashiering and general ledger system, which, along with other automation projects, will benefit the people and government of Cook County.

MWRD Rainbow/ P.U.S.H.

Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski, Chairman of the Finance Committee (left) and Commissioner Patricia Young (right) of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, congratulate the Reverend Willie T. Barrow of the Board of Directors of Rainbow/P.U.S.H. Coalition, on the success of the RPC International Trade Bureau Breakfast. The International Trade Bureau was founded in 1982 as a division of Operation PUSH to assist minority and women-owned businesses in gaining access to corporate America.

Since 1976, the MWRD has worked to develop and maintain an effective Affirmative Action Program that seek to increase the participation of Minority Owned Business Enterprises, Women-Owned Business Enterprises and Small Business Enterprises, collectively referred to as Protected Class Business Enterprises. In 2002, the District awarded 40 construction related contracts and 90 PCE subcontractors and sub-consultants received commitments to participate on these contracts.

OL Church holds hoe-down

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave., Oak Lawn will hold an Old Fashion Halloween Hoedown on Saturday, October 25, 2003 from 6:30 pm until 10:00 p.m.

There will be entertainment, line dancing and games. For the kids there will be a pumpkin carving contest and costume judging. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for the kids four years and older. For more information, call the church office at 708-599-4025.

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Palm Island in Charlotte County a business persons paradise

by Annette Dixon

Aerial view of Punta Gorda

If you are a typical type A personality, Palm Island will be for you! The appeal of this seven mile island is the secluded beaches, being on the intracoastal waterways, and living in a two-story building designed to look like Old Florida.

Palm Island's property to purchase is not cheap. Rum Cove lots, where new homesites are located start at $765,000 and go downward to the bay lots at $299,000. Condominiums start at $475,000 and prices slide upward depending upon the relevance of privacy and beach front.

Affordable ways of visiting Palm Island would be if two families rented a villa with three bedrooms, three baths, and a loft. The daily rates would cost $415 per day and weekly rates of $2760 until December 11, 2005. Minimum stay requires two nights and rates are based on two persons per bedroom. One child under six is free, plus tax, gratuities, daily maid service, service charge, food and beverage, recreation fees and incidentals are extra.

Some of the locals have stated that Palm Island is over rated but with a resort that encompasses two miles of pristine beaches and still plentiful with colored shells and sharks teeth, it's the uncrowded beaches that people will pay dearly.

Gar and Dean Beckstead opened the resort in 1982, and guests travel to the island via car ferry and park their car in an island parking area. The Becksteads knew what they were doing, for no cars are allowed on the island.

Spirit Airlines flies direct from O'Hare to Tampa, which is only 1 1/2 to 2 hours drive. Palm Island Resort has two restaurants Rum Bay and Johnny Leverock's Seafood House. Both restaurant are reasonably priced. Dinner specials for two only costs $16.95 included are Rum Bay's specialty Baby Back Ribs and Native Grouper.

Leverocks delights the palate with freshly caught seafood such as swordfish and other fish. People come from different parts sail and motor into the renovated space for dinner. It's a relaxing room for lunch and dinner. The atmosphere is very elegant and yet relaxed enough for the four to six hour casual stay.

Sight seeing again is important for a typical type A personality. It was only a short drive to Punta Gorda which was voted by New York Times Magazines the second most desired city to live. This is by far a clean residential city and especially designed for locals and tourist.

The bay brings more enjoyment due to the fact that all the condos and rentals including hotels use up bay property in the main area of Punta Gorda.

While sight-seeing on King Fisher Fleet Cruise, you can notice the other side of the bay and many acres are dedicated to residential. Cruising down the river was also enjoyable especially when rates are only $16.95 plus tax for a half day of harbor cruising. Fisherman's Village has approximately 40 stores and all are unique, even for the non shopper. When you are tired there are six restaurants to choose. My favorite was Captains Table Waterfront Dining, for the view was breathtaking. They also have Villas or vacation rental only $90 per night off season. Call 1-800-639-0020 for reservations.

Babcock Wilderness Adventures is also a great place to stay. If you are into the lodges and would like to live with nature for a couple of days or week check out the 90 acres of Babcock's Crescent B Ranch. Cowhands on registered quarter horses work the cattle herds much the same as in the past.

This mixed, upland, fresh water ecosystem includes a variety of habitats and wetlands. It is known for its cattle ranching, and also cracker cattle, which is the oldest breed in the country, only 500 years when Ponce De Leon brought cattle to the Tampa Bay area of Florida from Puerto Rico on his second voyage in 1521.

Alligator Ranching is also on Babcock. It is one of the few licensed alligator ranches in Florida. There are tours on an individual basis or swamp buggy rides. For more information call Babcock Wilderness Adventures, 1-800-500-5583. The lodge holds 25 and you have your own chef. This is great for family reunions or whatever.

Interests always vary among people, therefore a branded vacation can happen in Palm Island, Punta Gorda area. Starting with a relaxing beginning a great suggestion is to indulge with a villa on the beach at Palm Island and when you have had enough of the island, although you may want to remain forever, you can take a look at the numerous condominiums mentioned in Punta Gorda.

For more information regarding Palm Island Resort, the address is 7092 Placida Road, Cape Haze, Florida, 33946 or call (941) 697-4800 or 1-800-824-5412.

Interior of Babcock Wilderness Lodge

Author-healer to have book signing

Rachel Wolosky, M.S., C.N., is an author and spiritual healer. A spiritual adviser from an early age, she has been an avid practitioner of the healing arts for over twenty years.

She wrote her books, Create Your Own Destiny!, Spiritual Path to Success in English and Your Choice! A Healer's Vision on the Metaphysical Truth Behind Health and Disease in Russian. In the Russia the book is the bestseller. Energy and Health of Man. Advice from a Practicing Healer. Also, she has authored articles on the art of healing for various publications.

Rachel Wolosky offers exciting and informative events throughout the year and around the world. This is an opportunity to meet, face-to-face, Rachel Wolosky and experience her teaching and Rachel Healing Spiritual Power.

A presentation, discussion and book signing will be October 7, Tuesday, at 7pm. The location will be: Transitions Bookplace, 1000 West North Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622. For more information: (312) 951-7323 or [illegible]

November 25, at 7pm, Tuesday, at Stye & Stotz, 1725 W. Algonquin Rd., (Algonquin Rd & Huntington Blvd.) Hoffman Estates, IL 60195 is the next date. For more information call (847) 358-9875.

There will be workshops: Healing Power Within. Rachel Wolosky, author of the bestseller Create Your Own Destiny!, and Spiritual Path to Success, will show you how to approach your own inner healing power. Rachel, using various techniques, will address and teach you how to: Practice giving and receiving healing energy. Use visualization techniques to be able to renew your soul and to listen to your inner wisdom. Use breath techniques for transformation and healing.

October 5, Sunday, at Sanctuary Crystals 5238 Gil Sag Road (Rt. 83), Alsip IL 60803. Register at (708) 396-2855 or www.sanctuarycrystals.com

November 12, Wednesday at Healing Earth Resources, 3111 N. Ashland, Chicago, register at (773) 327-0459.

Learn more about Rachel on her website: [illegible]

Majewski to address Christ Lutheran Church O.W.L.S.

Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will speak before the Christ Lutheran Church O.W.L.S., Thursday, October 9, at 10:45 am in the church, 14700 S. 94th Ave., Orland Park.

Adell Zimmerman, co-ordinator announced the commissioner will explain the workings of the MWRD, with a slide presentation.

Commissioner Majewski received her education from Wheaton College. She has served as a commissioner since 1994. In 1998 she was appointed, then elected Chairman of the Finance Committee, the first woman to hold that position. In 1999, Ms. Majewski took a leading role in proposing a voluntary tax cap on district expenditures. The plan was adopted two years before the State Legislature adopted a mandatory state-wide cap.

Taste Treats for the Taste Buds

Gingered Pear Upside-Down Cake

Autumn fruits star in classic dessert

Gingered Pear Upside-Down Cake

topping:
3 tbls margarine 1/2 cup brown sugar
1 tsp finely grated fresh ginger or 1/2 tsp ground ginger
2 tbls toasted wheat germ 3 small ripe pears quartered and cored

Cake:
1 1/4 cups all purpose flour 3/4 cup sugar 3/4 cup toasted wheat germ
2 tsp baking powder 1/2 tsp salt 1 cup skim milk
3 tbls melted margarine 1 egg lightly beaten 1 tsp vanilla

Heat oven to 350 degrees. For topping, cut margarine into five pieces in 9-inch round baking pan. Add brown sugar. Place pan in oven for 5 minutes until it is melted. Remove pan from oven. Stir ginger into sugar mixture and sprinkle evenly with 2 tbls wheat germ.

Arrange pears in pinwheel design round side down over sugar mixture around edges of pan, set aside.

For cake mix flour, sugar, 3/4 cup wheat germ, baking powder and salt. In small bowl mix milk, melted margarine, egg and vanilla, blend well. Add to flour mixture. Stir until dry ingredients are moistened. Spoon batter into baking pan.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes until wooden pick inserted in cake comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes in pan. Loosen sides of cake from pan. Invert on serving platter letting glaze drip down sides of cake. Serve warm. To store, wrap tightly.

America's oldest flour dates back to George Washington

King Arthur Flour dates back to 1790 and for five generations of the Sands family it is now employee owned. You can visit its website at www.KingArthurFlour.com and get free online baking classes and a free newsletter. Here is a recipe for Pecan Sticky Buns.

Dough:

Prepare one recipe for 60 minute roll dough by mixing four and one-half tsps (2 packets active dry yeast) or 4 tsps instant yeast.
1/2 cup warm water 95 degrees 1 tsp sugar
1/2 cup King Arthur unbleached all-purpose flour
1 cup milk 1/4 cup butter 1 tsp salt
1/3 cup sugar 1 egg slightly beaten
4 to 5 cups flour; egg wash: 1 egg yolk beaten with 1 tbls water

In small bowl combine yeast, warm water, 1 tsp sugar and 1/2 cup flour. Cover with plastic wrap. Set aside until bubbly and very active about 10 to 15 minutes.

Scald milk until small bubbles form. Pour into large bowl and add butter and salt.

Add sugar and beaten egg. Stir to melt butter. When mixture is luke warm add yeast mixture and flour.

Add flour 1 cup at a time. Turn dough onto floured board or clean surface. Clean and lightly oil bowl.

Knead dough using only enough flour to keep dough from sticking to your hands and the surface. Place dough in oiled bowl. Turn to oil all surfaces and cover with plastic wrap.

Let sit in warm place for 20 minutes. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Gently deflate dough and shape 2-ounce pieces of dough into desired shapes. Place rolls on greased baking sheet about 2 inches apart. Cover with plastic sheet and a clean towel to let rise in warm place for 15 to 20 minutes. Brush tops of rolls with egg wash. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 to 18 minutes until golden brown. Recipe for Pecan Sticky Buns follows.

prepare dough recipe from above recipe. Let rise and prepare topping.

Topping:
2 tbls soft butter. 1/2 cup brown sugar 1/2 cup maple syrup 1 cup pecan halves

Filling:
2 tbls softened butter 1/2 cup brown sugar 1 tbls cinnamon
egg wash: 1 egg yolk beaten with 1 tbls water

Gently deflate dough and round into ball. Cover with plastic wrap and let rest 15 minutes. Prepare 9 by 13 pan. Spread 2 tbls soft butter over bottom. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup brown sugar and pour 1/2 cup maple syrup over sugar. Cover with 1 cup pecan halves. Set aside.

Roll dough out into a rough rectangle about 12 x 9 inches and 1/4 inch thick. Spread with soft butter and sprinkle brown sugar and cinnamon. Roll up like a jelly roll. Cut roll into 12 slices one inch thick. Place slices, cut side down on top of pecan mixture. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise until doubled.

Brush tops of the buns with egg wash and bake at 350 oven for 20 to 22 minutes. Invert pan over serving plate and let sit 1 to 2 minutes before lifting the pan off. Scrape any syrup or pecans onto the buns that remain in the pan. Serve warm with butter.

Savory Baked Apples with Toasted Walnuts

Not sweet but savory, this unusual entree is perfect for a brunch or light supper. Tart juicy apples are filled with a stuffing of turkey sausage, spinach and toasted walnuts.
2/3 cup chopped walnuts 4 oz. low-fat turkey sausage, casings removed
8 walnut halves 2 medium shallots, peeled and chopped
2 tbls chicken broth 1 tbls white balsamic vinegar
1/4 cup low sodium if preferred chicken broth
2 tsp. chopped fresh thyme or 1/4 tsp crumbled and dried
1 cup packed fresh spinach cut into thin strips
1 slice multi-grain bread torn into small pieces
8 large Granny Smith apples or Rome, Gala or Braeburn
1/2 cup fat-free chicken broth or regular

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Put chopped walnuts and walnut halves on large non-stick baking sheet and bake for 8 to 10 minutes until light golden brown.

Place baking sheet on cooling rack. Leave oven at 350 degrees.

In non-stick skillet over medium heat brown sausage for 5 minutes. Stir to break up meat. Place meat in colander and rinse with hot water to remove excess fat. Drain well. Wipe pan with paper towel and set aside.

Cook shallots and 2 tbls butter in same pan for about 2 minutes or until tender crisp.

Pour in the white vinegar and 1/4 cup broth. Scrape any browned bits into liquid. Stir in thyme. Cook for 30 seconds to infuse flavor into the sauce. Stir occasionally.

Stir in spinach, bread, chopped walnuts and sausage until moistened and well mixed.

Cut a 1/2 inch slice off each apple. Remove and discard core and seeds with a melon baller.

Hollow out the apple to a 1/2 inch shell. Coarsely chop enough removed apples to measure 1 1/2 cups. Stir chopped apples into the stuffing mixture.

Spoon stuffing into apple shells. Spoon 1/2 cup broth into stuffed apples using about 1 tbls for each. Place apple tops over the stuffing. Put apples into a non-stick 13 x 9 x 2 inch baking pan. Cover with foil.

To serve put each apple on a plate and place toasted walnut half on top of the exposed stuffing.

Theater & Music News

by Marija Dowdy

Tigges to replace D'Arcangelo in "Figaro"

Wayne Tigges to replace Ildebrando D'Arcangelo at Lyric Opera of Chicago in title role of Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro in eight remaining performances through October 25.

Italian bass-baritone Ildebrando D'Arcangelo has withdrawn regretfully from Lyric Opera of Chicago's eight remaining performances of The Marriage of Figaro because of bronchitis.

American bass-baritone Wayne Tigges, an ensemble member of the Lyric Opera Center for American Artists since 2002, replaces D'Arcangelo in the title role of Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro through Oct. 25. Tigges replaced D'Arcangelo for the second half of the Sept. 24 performance, and the entire Sept. 28 performance, because of the Italian singer's illness.

Tigges, a native of Iowa and a second-year ensemble member of the Lyric Opera Center for American Artists, is also appearing at Lyric this season as the Bonze: Madama Butterfly. He began Lyric's 2003-04 season as a soloist for the "Stars of Lyric Opera at Grant Park" concert, singing Count Rodolfo's aria from La sonnambula for an audience of more than 25,000 under the baton of Sir Andrew Davis. Tigges has previously been heard at Lyric in La traviata and the new productions of Un ballo in maschera and Thaïs. Singing music from Falstaff's title role, Tigges appeared with the Opera Center at the 2002 Grant Park Music Festival.

An alumnus of Iowa State University and the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, Tigges sang many leading roles at the latter, ranging from Leporello/Don Giovanni to the Watersprite: Rusalka. He has performed varied roles with Cincinnati Opera, Opera Omaha, and the Cincinnati May Festival (the latter under James Conlon's baton). Tigges has been a soloist with many orchestras in the Midwest, including the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. He was an award winner in the 2000 Metropolitan Opera National Council Regional Auditions and a finalist at the 2001 MacAllister Awards.

October is "Roaring" at the Navy Pier IMAX Theatre

From the mighty T. Rex to the Kingdom of the Tiger, the Navy Pier IMAX Theatre is "roaring" with excitement this October! All month long, for the regular price of admission, Navy Pier IMAX Theatre visitors can get a henna tattoo in conjunction with the movie "India: Kingdom of the Tiger," listen to a Field Museum paleontologist bring the large screen to life as he discusses the mysteries of the T-Rex, and even catch a popular children's author as he signs copies of his latest book in the lobby.

Matrix fans note – time is running out to catch The Matrix Reloaded on the six-story screen! The spectacular Matrix Reloaded ends its Navy Pier IMAX Theatre run on November 4. With only one more month to catch this spectacular movie on the six-story screen, visitors should see it before it's too late.

Henna Tattooing

Saturday and Sunday, October 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, 1:00-3:00 p.m. On select Saturday afternoons in October, henna artists from Salon Rupa will be in the Navy Pier IMAX Theatre lobby offering free henna tattoos in conjunction with the film "India: Kingdom of the Tiger."

Field Museum Young Explorers Program

Saturdays, October 4 and 11, 9:00 a.m. At 9:00 a.m. on select Saturdays in October, paleontologist Dr. Richard Kissel from The Field Museum will share the mysteries of the T. Rex and his stories from the field in a half-hour presentation, with the movie "T-Rex: Back to the Cretaceous 3D" immediately following. During each screening, Kissel will share stories and answer questions about the T. Rex. In addition, each child attending the screening will receive a special certificate that entitles him or her to discounted admission at The Field Museum. The discussion is free with a paid admission to the movie.

Children's Book Signing Event

Saturday, October 25, 10:30 a.m. In conjunction with Barbara's Bookstore, "Captain Underpants" author Dav Pilkey will visit the Navy Pier IMAX Theatre lobby to sign copies of the newest volume in the popular children's series.

Now playing at the Navy Pier IMAX Theatre: T-REX: Back to the Cretaceous 3D

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Ghosts of the Abyss 3D

Academy Award® winning director and master storyteller James Cameron journeys back to the site of his greatest inspiration—the legendary wreck of the Titanic.

Tickets and Showtimes

Unless otherwise noted, tickets are $10 for adults, $9 for seniors and $8 for children. For showtimes, please call the Navy Pier IMAX Theatre: 312-595-5MAX (5629) or visit www.imax.com/chicago. Tickets can be purchased in advance via the web site or on the phone.

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Irish actor fine tunes role in German comedy

By Anita Anderson

"I'm a Catholic guy who is enacting the role of a Jewish person who is dumb like a fox," explained actor Jimmy Meader.

The comedy Meader is appearing in is "The Underpants," a 1911 Sternheim play adapted by actor Steve Martin for the stage. Hosting the one-act comedy is the Noble Fool Theater at 16 W. Randolph St., in Chicago until Nov. 8 when it moves to St. Charles' in Kane County.

The role of Cohen which Meader plays superbly centers around the wife of a pompous

chauvanistic husband enacted by Danny McArthy. The wife in question who happens to

accidentally drop her underpants while watching the King of Germany on parade is witnessed by three would-be suitors who become entranced with "Louise" expertly performed by actress Kathy Logelin.

One of the relentless suitors, who becomes smitten with Louise in Versati, played by Timothy Kane. He attempts to rent one of the rooms at the home of Louise and her husband as does "Cohen".

Cohen knows what he wants and how to get it according to Meader. Versati on the other hand flatters Louise with his relentless courting.

Getting laughs as Louise's nosy neighbor and solicitor of advice is Meighan Gerachis and

[illegible] as the pompous Klinglehoff.

There are no messages to be extracted from "The Underpants", only many laughs from a time in history when the accidental dropping of a pair of underpants had social repercussions.

Meader, who is originally from Connecticut, always wanted to become a broadcaster. His father, who is deceased, was a historian and instilled in Meader the quest to discover his Irish ancestors. The actor travels to Ireland as much as possible and holds dual U.S. and Irish citizenship.

He's spent ten years in Chicago and has appeared in several local productions. He is a Second City Training alumni and some of Meader's work was seen On CLTV and Fox Chicago. Call 312-726-1156. For ticket information about the St. Charles opening at the Pheasant Run Theater call the box office at 630-584-6300.

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More entertainment

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Disney on Ice

The three Disney jungle acts cited in the recent performance were Jungle Book, Tarzan and The Lion King. The skating was spectacular with various gymnastics combined with skating. The music for the most part was acceptable with one score needing an upgrade. The highlight was the Tarzan and Jane work on the rope suspended from the ceiling with skates intertwined with the rope. Their were many children present and we can bet the last dollar many convinced a grandparent or parent bought a Mickey, Lion King or a Tarzan. Adults were wondering around at intermission looking for anyone who had a score on the Cubbies. We had no luck until after the performance.

Joffrey Ballet

A short run will be presented at the Auditorium Theater on Congress Parkway, Chicago. They open with Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet on October 8th at 7:30p.m. The choreography will be done by Cranko and the live music will be provided by the Chicago Sinfonietta. The Joffrey will be back during the holidays and in the spring.

Drury Lane Oakbrook

The Knights of the Round Table will gather as Camelot begins October 15, 2003 at Oakbrook. The musical will run through January 4, 2004. This is the first show of the 2003-2004 season. The show opened in 1960; garnered four Tony Awards. Ray Frewen will direct and star as King Arthur; Cory Goodrich as Queen Guenevere and Brian Herriott as Sir Lancelot. The artistic team directors consists of Frewen & William Osetek, with James Zager, choreographer; Jerry Galante, fight director and Jeff Bell musical director. Reservations are available at 630-530-0111. Drury Lane Oakbrook is 100 Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181.

Illinois Arts Council

State Senator Jacqueline Collins (D-16) announced the releasing of grants by the Illinois Arts Council to arts organizations, individual artists, schools and communities across the state, including three companies in her district.

Recipients of grants for general operating support in the 16th district are Chicago Theater Company, ($16,770) Chocolate Chips Theater Co. (Kennedy King College) ($5160) and Muntu Dance Theater.

(Kennedy King College)($20,630). Collins indicated the companies are an important part of the community.

Willowbrook Ballroom

In October the dance schedule is as follows: Country and Western: October 13th, 14th, 17th (7:30 to 10:00) Salsa Night October 15th. (7:30 to 11:00) Ballroom Dancing October 19th (from 2 to 5:30) and Swing Night on Sunday October 19th. (8:30 to 11:30). Willowbrook is at 8900 S. Archer Ave, in Willow Springs. Call 708-839-1000) for any information.

Chicago's A440 Music Group

Chicago's A440 Music Group will release on October 23rd a new recording by world renowned Jazz guitarist Henry Johnson. The release party will take place at Chicago's new club The District at 858 W. Lake St. Chicago at 7 pm. A $20 ticket includes the special performance and a complimentary copy of the recording. For tickets call 312-421-6485 or visit ticketweb.com. The recording is titled Henry Johnson-Organic with Nancy Wilson.

Jazz guitarist Henry Johnson has received great critical acclaim since the release of his first album in 1986. It earned him a Grammy Award nomination and reached the top of Radio and Records for two months. His subsequent albums have also been best-sellers, cementing a place in the jazz world. Legend Ramsey Lewis raves about Johnson. He began playing at age 12 with an interest in gospel and by 14 was playing in R&B groups. Later in Tennessee he was introduced to jazz. He moved back to Chicago and developed a following on the south side. His style was shaped by the sounds in the big bands and jazz orchestras. He has performed with numerous legendary jazz musicians.

Chicago Symphony Goes Abroad

On October 2nd the Chicago Symphony announced that Daniel Barenboim will lead an eight concert three-city tour to Japan this fall from October 24th to November 3rd.

There will be six performances in Tokyo, and one concert each in Osaka and Fukuoka. The repertoire will include performances of Mahler's Symphony No. 9 and Tchaikovsky's symphonies nos. 3,4, and 5 and a collaboration with the Tokyo Ballet featuring Ravel's Bolero as well as Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring and the Firebird.

This will be the fourth trip to Japan. The Orchestra's last visit was in 1995. Other compositions that will be presented are Wagner's selections from Tristan and Isolda and Bruckner's 7th Symphony.

Cabaret Opens

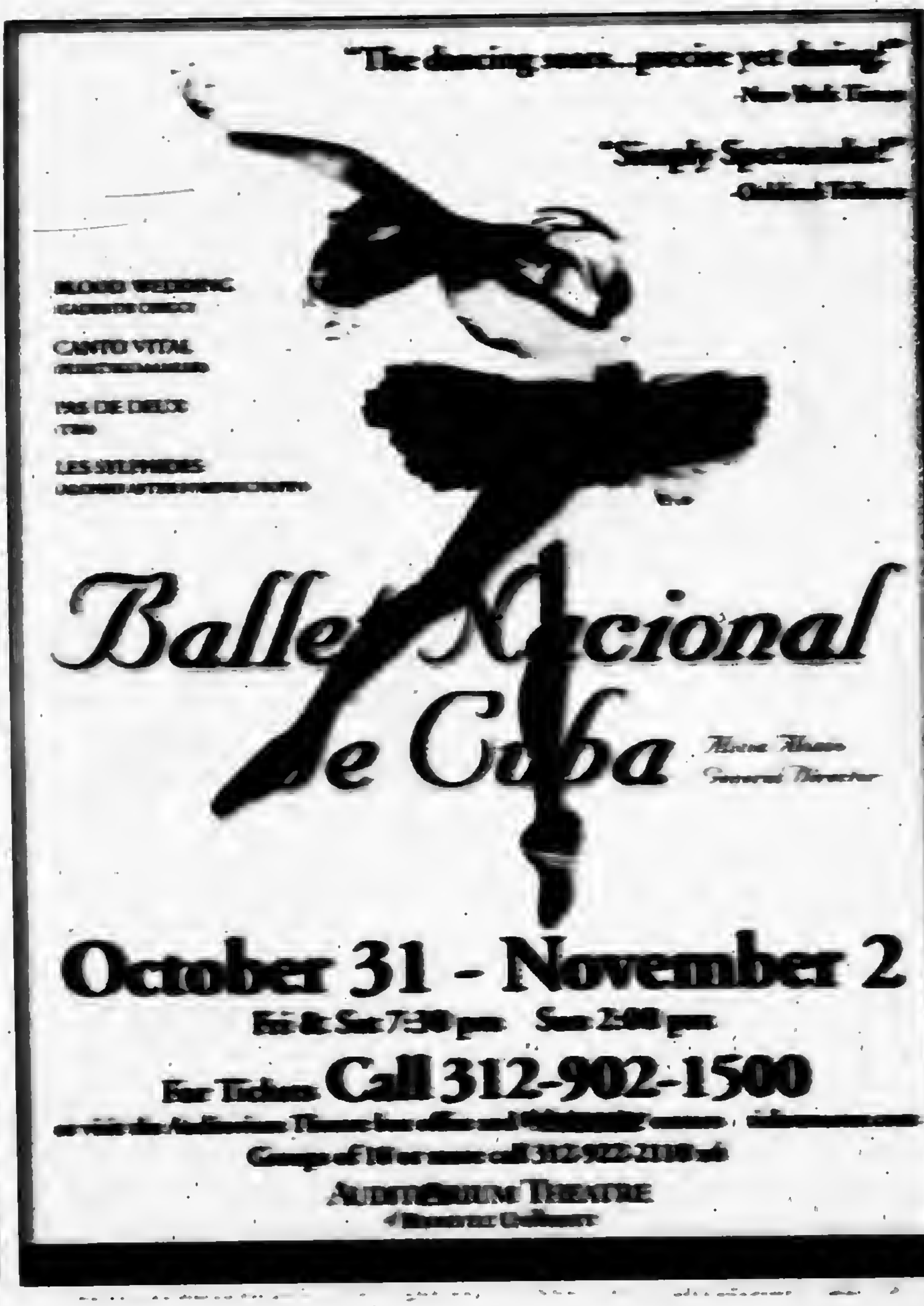
Porchlight Music Theater at the Theater Building on west Belmont Chicago opens Cabaret in mid October. The press performance is October 19th, 2003. The Theater Building is at 1225 W. Belmont.

Museum of Science and Industry presents Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees

Starting October 10, 2003 on the big screen at the Museum of Science & Industry will be Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees. This film will take viewers on an extraordinary trip deep into Gombe and across four decades of research to experience the world of the chimpanzee, as they've never seen it before. The crew shot rare footage of chimpanzees interacting in their community grouping with one another and with their baboon neighbors, grooming, hunting, communicating, and using tools to find food.

Ms. Goodall tours and gives lectures to spread her message of conservation and human's important role in making the world a better place to live. Ms. Goodall's relationship with Gombe's chimpanzees goes beyond a mere scientific interest – it has evolved into a genuine affection and commitment to their survival, this film is another tool to send that message.

The Museum of Science and Industry aspires to present captivating and compelling experiences that are real and educational. Located at 57th Street and Lake Shore Drive, the hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Sundays. General Admission/ Omnimax pricing: $15 for adults and $14 for seniors and children ages 3-11. For more information call (773) 684-1414 or visit the website at www.msichicago.org.



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School News

Pictured after the unveiling of "Champagnat Way:" Principal Larry Tucker, Alderman Rugai, the four seniors of the Marist Youth Leadership Group, Rep. Kevin Joyce, and Br. Rick Carey, President.

Chicago names Marist entrance after founder

In order to commemorate Marist High School's historic 40th anniversary and the on-going mission of the school, 19th Ward Alderman Ginger Rugai dedicated the entrance to Marist as "Honorary Champagnat Way." As a Catholic college preparatory school rooted in the values of Jesus Christ and the spirit of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers, the Marist community emulates and fosters St. Marcellin's passion and exuberance for living with "a heart that knows no bounds."

The afternoon of September 19 was filled with excitement and happiness as members of the Marist community, including graduate State Representative Kevin Joyce, came together to celebrate the renaming of the entrance. Alderman Rugai, the parent of a Marist graduate, reflected on the strong academic programs and spirit that exemplify Marist as a cornerstone of educational excellence on the southwest side of Chicago. Alderman Rugai also pointed out that the name of the sign could have been Champagnat Street or Avenue, but it was very important to her to have the name be "Champagnat Way," because living Marist is truly a way of life.

As Br. Sean Sammon, Superior General of the Marist Brothers describes, "Marcellin Champagnat was a simple country priest and Marist Father. He was not born a saint, but rather spent a lifetime becoming one. And he did so by doing ordinary things exceptionally well, and loving others in an extraordinary way."

Founded in 1963 with the motto "Education for Time and Eternity," Marist initiated traditions of excellence that are the foundation for the school forty years later. The members of the Marist family will remember the founder's spirit and mission each time they enter the campus via "Champagnat Way."

Arts and Crafts Fair at OLCHS

The Fall arts and crafts fair sponsored by the Oak Lawn community High School PTSA will be held on Saturday, October 25, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at 94th and Southwest Hwy.

Handmade items from area exhitions will be displayed with food and refreshments. All proceeds will benefit the PTSA Scholarship Fund. Admission is free. Contact Lynn Craig at 708-424-5200 ext. 5767.

Bremen District 228 celebrates its 50th Anniversary honoring alumni in a "sweet" way.

Bremen alumni march in the homecoming parade on Friday, Sept. 19. Alumni were recognized at the district's 50th anniversary at Bremen High School on Friday, Sept. 19. Tinley Park and Hillcrest High Schools will recognize alums on Friday, September 26. Oak Forest will recognize alums on Friday, October 10 – all in honor of the District's 50th anniver

Great Books Discussion Group

The Ernest B. Jaski Oak Lawn Great Books Group meets at the Oak Lawn Public Library 5300 W. 95th St., the second and fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 pm to discuss and interpret significant works of fiction, philosophy, political science, poetry and drama. For additional information contact Marcia McGerty, 708-974-1673.

McDonald Linn holds flee market

McDonald Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 177, 10537 S. Ridgeland, Chicago Ridge, IL, 708-636-3220, will be holding a flea market on Saturday, October 11, 2003, From 8 am to 2 pm.

Table rental is $10 inside, $15 outside. Please call Pat between 9:30 am to 1 pm.

Former Bremen teacher and Bremen/Oak Forest principal Phil McBain rides in the Bremen High School homecoming parade on Friday, Sept. 19.

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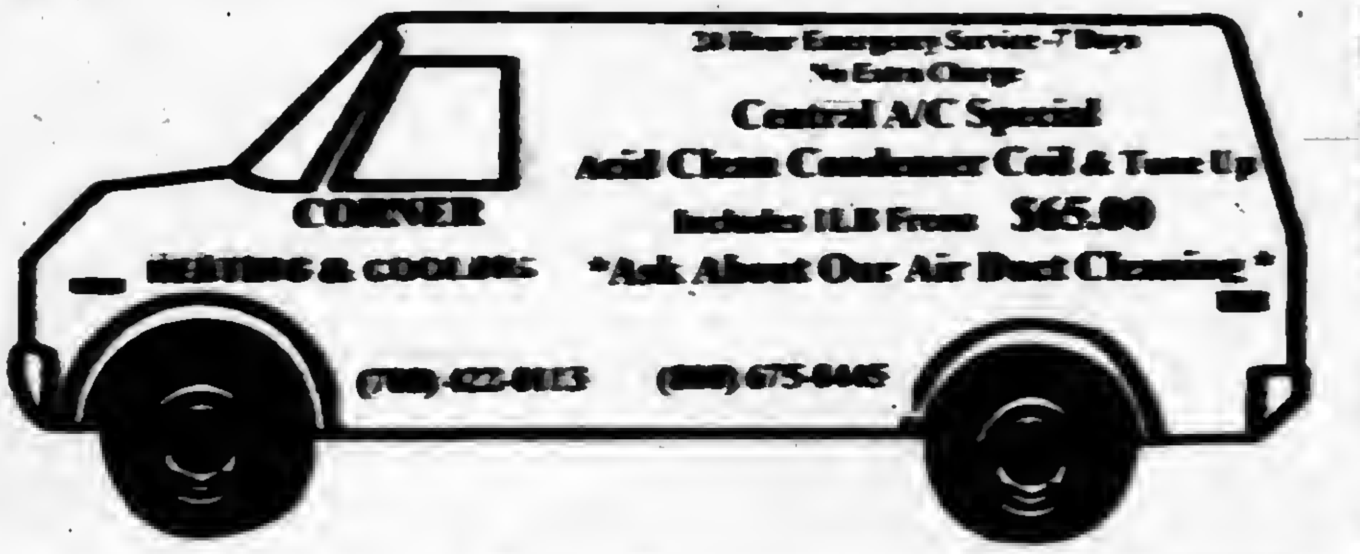
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Did You Know?

(NAPS)—It is important to be alert and recognize the danger signs of brake problems. Warning signs include an illuminated brake warning light, brake grabbing, low pedal feel, vibration, hard pedal feel and squealing, say experts at the Car Care Council. As part of the "Be Car Care Aware" education campaign, the Car Care Council is also offering a free service interval schedule to help take the guesswork out of what vehicle systems need to be routinely inspected and when service or repair should be performed. The schedule can be obtained for free at www.carcare.org.

The abrasive nature of many traditional brake pads against the rotor may cause squealing. Low quality rotors could be the main culprit, as well. Neither of these situations is ideal, but the resulting noise is more annoying than anything else. Groaning noises also can be caused by low quality or abrasive brake pads. Squealing and groaning can both be minimized by installing premium brake system components. You may want to have your installer use the same type of pad fitted as original equipment or an upgrade pad. Ultra-premium ceramic pads, such as Akebono's ProACT brand, are now available for virtually all domestic, Japanese and European models.

More affordable housing may soon be a reality on Native American reservations. In an effort to provide this housing, Rep. Rick Renzi (R-AZ) and officials from the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco (FHLBSF) recently met with leaders from the White Mountain Apache and Navajo nations. The meeting at the Pinetop, Ariz. reservation was hosted by the FHLBSF and included the Arizona Department of Housing. It focused on ways the bank could qualify housing projects on the reservation for its Affordable Housing Program. For more information, visit www.fhlbsf.com.

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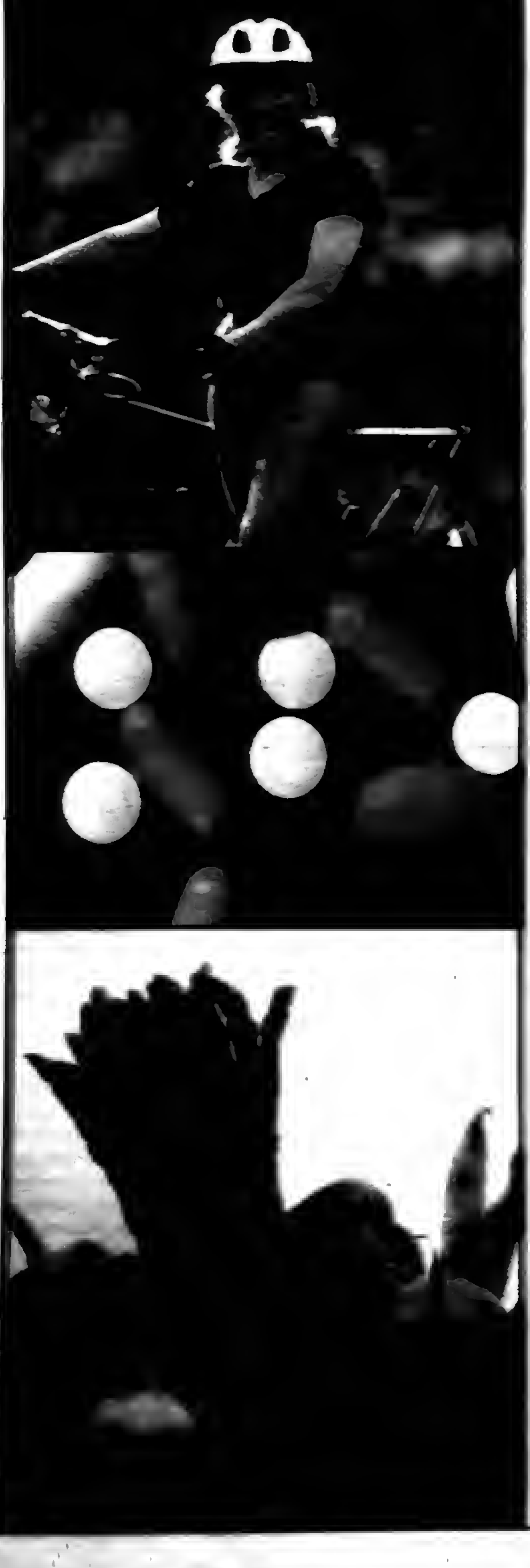

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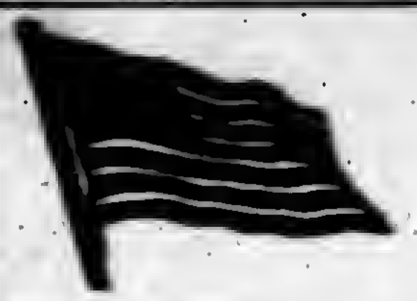

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Garbage Strike, Metra-Triangle non-issues in new Orland budget

by David Vogrin

In a unanimous vote, Orland Village Trustees approved a new budget for the fiscal year 2004 at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees held Monday, September 29. The budget, effective October 1, allocates more than $105 million dollars for village spending. It also jibes with Orland's continuing efforts to provide ample services without overdeveloping the village. However, it does not explicitly address two glaring village issues—the recent garbage collector strike of 3,300 teamsters from Locals 731 and 301 and the funding of a newly proposed project to beautify downtown, dubbed the Metra-Triangle project.

The reason why the budget cannot address the striking of garbage collectors is obvious: the breakdown in talks between garbage collectors and their companies was too recent to be considered in the budget. The first day of the strike was October 1, two days after the budget was approved.

However, Orland still stands to lose money. With no contingency plan for a waste collection service strike, the village is forced to assemble dumpsters at the public works building for citizens to rid of their garbage. If the strike persists, it also faces the possibility of having to refund citizens with a comparable figure to what they pay in garbage collection taxes.

Nevertheless, Annmarie Mampe, the village's finance director, still held out some hope. Mampe contended that the garbage strike would not drastically affect the village's finances. "They say they are going to figure it out as soon as possible," she said. But if the strike in retrospect does not turn out to be nugatory in nature—and short in length—the amount of money the village at first refunds to citizens, and then later spends on legal funds to collect from the major garbage collection agencies, could add up.

Also noticeably absent from the budget were funds for the grand-scale Metra-Triangle project. Although the plan to turn a large swath of land into a centralized downtown area is still a concept, the village did hire during the summer Mesirow Stein Development to start up preliminary procedures. By early January, the firm was to have made significant headway in negotiating agreements with citizens and business owners in the proposed zone near 143rd Street, LaGrange Road and Southwest Highway.

The reason the Metra-Triangle plan was not an issue, according to Mampe, is that no payment for engineering work was foreseen. In fact, many sticking points still need to be discussed before the Metra-Triangle plan can even be considered budget-worthy material. Certain particulars, such as funding, logistics and village response, have to be thoroughly debated before the village can even begin to pay Mesirow Stein. Whether that funding comes from special TIF districts or Orland-issued bonds, was not incipient, and therefore not included.

Orland Chamber approves new vision, mission

The Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce approved its new "framework for the future" at its September meeting. The framework emphasizes that the Chamber will strive to serve as the primary resource helping business and the community grow and prosper.

The Chamber plans to fulfill the needs of its membership through effective implementation of programs that support six critical goal areas: Membership, Education, Human Resources, Financial Resources, Local Government Affairs, and Public Relations Communications.

Goals were based on input from Chamber members concerning key critical issues affecting businesses and organizations and what members would like the Chamber to provide to help with business.

The following members assisted in the development of the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce's framework for the future: Dave Corradino, Terry's; Mike Doyle, Electronic Systems of Illinois; Sue Homer, Orland Fire Protection District; Melanie Jones, Sertoma Center; Rich Leufer, GMAC Rich Real Estate; John Marcopoulos, Mission Signs; Bart Obrochta, Maid in Europe; Kelorya Putnam, Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce; Barb Roos, Orland School District 135; Jim Ross, Rooster Marketing; Brad Schieber, A.G. Edwards; Tim Trotter, Excalibur Edge, LLC; and Robin Wagner, Orland Park Public Library.

Orland to Host "Halloween Hoopla"

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Orland Park's "Halloween Hoopla" includes the Jack-O-Lantern Challenge, costume parade, games, coloring contest, candy guess, pumpkin patch pictures, crafts, inflatables, interactive disc jockey, raffles and balloons. Refreshments and climbing the 35 foot climbing wall at the Sportsplex are both available for additional fees.

Pre-registration is required at Orland Park's Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue or at the Orland Park Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street.

For more information, call the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-PARK.

A meeting with the Commissioner

By Carlene O'Connor

Meeting Commissioner Elizabeth Gorman is like meeting your next door neighbor. She is friendly, down to earth, and speaks to people at their level.

Liz was born on February 19th, 1965, the second of four children raised by Carolyn and Larry Doody in their modest bungalow on the southwest side of Chicago. Commissioner Gorman graduated from Saint Mary's College in Minnesota with a degree in Marketing. When she came home, she started a business career. She worked for Prudential Insurance Company for several years and then went on her own. Liz and her husband Gerry make their home in Orland Park with their three sons.

She speaks aggressively and has the education and business experience necessary to make an excellent politician. When issues come up before the board, she is ready to go in and handle it.

Liz Gorman is the only Republican woman of the five women on the Cook County Board and there already is talk of possible statewide candidacy in 2006. People are noticing her talent as someone who goes in and plays tough.

The Forest Preserve District's holdings within the 17th County Board District are the most expansive of any of the Commissioners' districts. Commissioner Gorman is in favor of ecological restoration, sound land management, and open space acquisition. She toured major restoration sites including Orland Tract and at Camp Sagawau. She also supports the efforts of the FPDCC staff and the Volunteer Stewardship Network to manage and preserve our natural areas in the county.

Commissioner Gorman is also looking at the FPD very closely; she wants it to be held accountable for its finances and is working hard to improve the image. To do this she is starting with employees. No longer will there be a patronage army but a group of dedicated individuals.

In keeping with her promise to involve community participation on issues before the Cook County Board, Commissioner Gorman is in the process of forming a Commissioner's Advisory Board to aid her decision making role. The Commissioner's Advisory Board will be made up of elected officials, community leaders, and interested citizens who want to be at the forefront of effecting policy decisions in the 17th district.

Please watch your mail or contact her directly at (708) 349-1336 if you have interest in joining the team.

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Summit Park District announces early holiday shopping

Saturday, November 8th, the Summit Park District is having a fund-raiser at the Park office located at 5700 S. Archer Road, Summit. We will be featuring Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Party-Lite Candles, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Remington Jewelry, and Sayklly's Hand Dipped Chocolates.

Come early and start your holiday shopping between the hours of 10 am until 2 pm. If you are unable to come on Saturday November 8th, you can come to the Park office between the hours of 7 am until 3:30 pm. There will be brochures and order forms.

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Dream Halloween Chicago to benefit children by aids foundation

Witches, goblins and ghouls will arrive in Chicago early this year as Dream Halloween Chicago takes over the Windy City Fieldhouse at 2367 W. Logan Blvd. on Saturday, October 18th, from 5 to 9 pm. Filled with spooky surprises and devilishly delicious delights, the fourth annual event benefits the Children Affected by AIDS Foundation (CAAF). Marlee Matlin, Oscar winning actress for her performance in Children of a Lesser God, author of the book, Deaf Child Crossing, and Morton Grove, IL native will be honored by CAAF with the Ribbon of Dreams Award for her continuing support of the organization's activities.

"This is truly a bewitching night that brings families together for a great time while helping children who are struggling with hard realities," said Gig Pritzker Pucker, producer of the event.

Commended Student named

Principal Br. Michael Segvich (left) of St. Laurence High School has announced that St. Laurence senior Ryan Milligan (Homer Glen) has been named Commended Student in the 2004 National Merit Scholarship Program.

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Tom McCague, associate professor and department chair of Moraine Valley's Biology department, assembles the telescope he built and donated to the college. The telescope is housed in a dome on the G. Jack Bradley Observation Deck, located in a western sector of the college's Nature Study Are.

Moraine Valley to open observatory

The stars will shine a little brighter on the Moraine Valley Community College campus when the college opens a new observatory in its Nature Study Area with a dedication ceremony on Oct. 16.

Welcoming remarks will begin at 2 pm followed by a demonstration of the telescope at 2:30 pm.

The observatory's telescope, a 6 1/2-foot Newtonian reflecting model, was built and donated by Tom McCague, associate professor and department chair of Moraine Valley's Biology department. It is made of approximately $800 in common hardware store items such as plywood, Teflon, PVC pipe, and glass. For this reason, it is also considered a Dobsonian-style telescope, named for John Dobson, a renowned amateur astronomer known for his inexpensive ways of building telescopes.

The telescope will be used as a teaching too, not only for Moraine Valley, but also for local schools and community groups as well. The Oct. 16 ceremony will be followed by training sessions for Moraine Valley faculty and staff, as well as local high school faculty. Only trained personnel will be allowed to utilize the telescope.

Majewski to address NARFE #1106

Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will speak before the N.A.R.F.E. #1106, Wednesday, October 15 at 10:15 am at the Oak Lawn Municipal Building, 9446 S. Raymond, Oak Lawn.

John Altar, coordinator announced the commissioner will explain the workings of the M.W.R.D. with a slide presentation.

Commissioner Majewski received her education from Mundelein College. She has served as a commissioner since 1984. In 1988 she was appointed, then elected Chairman of the Finance Committee, the first woman to hold that position. In 1989, Mrs. Majewski took a leadership role in proposing a voluntary tax-cap on district expenditures. The plan was adopted two years before the State Legislature adopted a mandatory state-wide cap.

Check out Jacki Mari's predictions on page 2

Engineers sign project agreement

Pictured from left to right are Commissioners of Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Patricia Young, Vice President Kathleen Therese Meany, Colonel Gary Johnston, President Terrence J. O'Brien and Chairman of Finance Gloria Alitto Majewski.

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, President of Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, has announced that the United States Army Corps of Engineers has signed a Project Cooperation Agreement for the Thornton Composite Reservoir.

President O'Brien stated that "the Army Corps of Engineers will design and construct a 7.9 billion gallon reservoir that will provide storage for 3.1 billion gallons of storm water and 4.8 billion gallons of combined sewer overflow in the south suburbs. The army Corps will take financial responsibility, contributing up to 75% of the total project costs, estimated at $229 million". O'Brien concluded by saying, "as the local sponsor, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District will provide the land, any needed relocation expenses and the remaining 25% of the funding."

VFW needs food, etc. for drive

The McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge VFW Post 177 and its Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring a "Holiday Food & Gift Drive" for the needy families in our area. Non-perishable foods, new socks & underwear, new toys, items that are clean, wearable condition, also coats, boots, shoes, gloves and blankets will be collected and given to the needy family and Women & Children Crisis Centers in our area.

We will be working with the Mayor's offices in surrounding communities, local school districts and senior centers for list of needy people. Any monetary donations will be used for fresh fruits, vegetables, milk, and meat to be added to the gift baskets. There is a need for children school supplies, if you would like to donate school items we also give these items out to the needy children.

Any and all donations can be dropped off at the VFW Post 177 at the above address or call Pat or Paul at the post, (708) 636-3220 for pick-up information or to answer any of your questions.

Let us all make this Holiday Season be a joyous one for all.

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A $20 donation will include refreshments between sets, door prizes and opportunity to meet the guest performers. For more information contact the church office at 773-779-3355.

Summit Park District announces early holiday shopping

Saturday, November 8th, the Summit Park District is having a fund-raiser at the Park office located at 5700 S. Archer Road, Summit. We will be featuring Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Party-Lite Candles, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Remington Jewelry, and Saykkly's Hand Dipped Chocolates.

Come early and start you holiday shopping between the hours of 10 am until 2 pm. If you are unable to come on Saturday November 8th, you can come to the Park office between the hours of 7 am until 3:30 pm. There will be brochures and order forms.

Dream Halloween Chicago to benefit children by aids foundation

Witches, goblins and ghouls will arrive in Chicago early this year as Dream Halloween Chicago takes over the Windy City Fieldhouse at 2367 W. Logan Blvd. on Saturday, October 18th, from 5 to 9 pm. Filled with spooky surprises and devilishly delicious delights, the fourth annual event benefits the Children Affected by AIDS Foundation (CAAF). Marlee Matlin, Oscar winning actress for her performance in Children of a Lesser God, author of the book, Deaf Child Crossing, and Morton Grove, IL native will be honored by CAAF with the Ribbon of Dreams Award for her continuing support of the organization's activities.

"This is truly a bewitching night that brings families together for a great time," said Gig Pritzer Pucker, producer of the event.

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During the fall a tradition exists where the animals are blessed on the feast of St Francis Assisi. At St. Bernadette in Evergreen Park the blessing was held. Furred friends in the dog, cat and rabbit families were present. Dogs of various sizes were barking and yapping at each other. Some little dogs were very outspoken. Pet blessings in other areas may have other types of animals.

Evergreen Park forms Historical Commission

By Matt Mayer

At the October 6th Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting, the board approved the first ever Historical Commission. Mayor James Sexton stated that he, along with Trustee Jerry Bosh, have worked for the better part of a year to put this commission together. The board unanimously approved Sexton's appointments: George Peso, Evanne Kennedy, Art Hornberg, Tony Yukich, Virginia Wrobel, Ann Dykstra, and Martin Ozinga. The commission will be chaired by Trustee Jerry Bosh. All appointees are long time village residents.

Bosh intends to hold the committee's first meeting the latter part of the October at the Community Center at which time committees will be formed. Everyone is encouraged to bring whatever historical information he or she deem useful to the meeting. An announcement will be made in regards to the date and time of the meeting. Sexton stated "We are trying to capture the history of Evergreen Park before it's gone so we can pass this history on to our children".

The board recognized the Evergreen Park Athletic Association's 12-year-old All Stars State Little League Finalists, District 7 and Illinois Section 3 Finalists - Mike Parker, Patrick Walsh, Mark Bermele, Anthony Mc Namara, Luke Rowan, Kevin Jachim, Rodney Clark, Geno Rizzo, Tony Consentino, Jason Knight, Dan O'Neil, Bobby Schuch, finished 4th in the state finals. The boys are coached by Matt O'Neil and Jim Walsh and managed by John O'Neil.

The following applications for business regulation certificates were approved - Family Homes Publishing a clerical office at 9539 S. Pulaski, Compassionate Home Care, Inc at 9318 S. Kedzie, A-1 Home Health Care, at 3335 W. 95th St. Jaz Laxmi Mata, LLC, gas station at 3831 W. 95th St. James Witczak D/B/A Seattle Suttons Healthy Eating at 3345 ½ W. 95th St. Dollar Day Plus, a retail store at 2526 W. 95th St. 95th Street Tailor and Cleaner at 3345 W. 95th St. and Anne Schaible, MD and Keith Schaible, MD at 3317 W. 95th St.

The board approved a purchase of a new community service vehicle under the State of Illinois joint purchase contract in the amount of $22,000. The board also approved a request for Sean Sus to participate in the Police Department's College Student Internship program. The meeting concluded with Office of Citizen's Service Director, Jolene Churak, reporting that she has a listing of where flu shots will be offered as well as the cost. Interested individuals may call the office for information.

Enjoy art with Oak Lawn Rotary

Oak Lawn Rotary will host an art auction by State of the Art on Sunday, October 26, 2003. The auction featuring original works of art from famous artists will be held in the showroom at Hawk Lincoln Mercury, 10201 S. Cicero in Oak Lawn. We will begin at 1:00 p.m. Admission is free. Prices on artwork start as low as $50.00.

There will be dozens of originals from Monet, Picasso, Kinkade, Rockwell, Chagall and many more including traditional to ultra-modern, oils, watercolors, silk-screens, etc. Refreshments will be served, including a wine tasting from Kenwood Liquors, coffee from Starbucks and munchies from Potbelly's.

This is an adult's only event. All proceeds toward Rotary Centennial project: Park Lawn Association.

Receive two free raffle tickets to win valuable artwork if RSVP to Dave or Kathy Kobak at 708-361-1177 is received by October 22, 2003.

Stancik named Interim Mayor of Oak Lawn

By Matt Mayer

The Board unanimously voted to appoint Trustee Ronald Stancik acting Village President at the October 14th Oak Lawn Board of Trustees' meeting. Stancik received a standing ovation by the board members as well as the audience. Stancik stated, "I can't tell you what an honor it is to sit in a chair that Ernie Kolb once sat in, that Fred Dumke once sat in, and an historic line of predecessors throughout the history of Oak Lawn." Stancik thanked the board for this honor. Stancik will serve the remainder of Kolb's term that ends in 2005.

Stancik is the village's longest serving Trustee - he was first elected in 1977 when he ran with Kolb and Village Clerk Jayne Powers. After the meeting Stancik announced that Powers will be the Mayors Coalition Party nominee for Mayor and he will be the nominee for Village Clerk in the 2005 election.

Patrol Officer Steven Sevik received his oath of office and was promoted to sergeant. The board voted to overturn a Planning and Development Commission denial for a subdivision of property at 10425 S. Kedvale Ave., Area residents voiced their concerns to the board such as flooding and the building of five homes on the property.

There were also a couple of residents who spoke in favor of the subdivision, stating that it would increase their property value. The board approved an ordinance authorizing the transfer of title to a portion of Kedvale Ave so that it can be dedicated back to the Village as Right-of-Way as part of a re-subdivision of the abutting property.

The board approved a request for side yard variation along with a variation from equal side yard requirement at 8738 S. Merrimac Ave and a request for a parking variation at 4921 W. 95th St. The board approved an ordinance granting certain landscaping variations at 5400-5420 W. 95th St. The board approved a recommendation to waive the bidding procedure, due to the unique specifications of the product and a single source vendor, and purchase a 2003 factory demonstrator street sweeper from Temco Machinery, Inc of Aurora, Illinois, in the amount of $116,000. The board also waived the bidding process and purchased a used 2001 Genie Articulating Boom from United Rentals of Addison, Illinois, in the amount of $38,000.

-Red Ribbon Week Kick-Off is October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on the Village Green. This event involves students who decorate with red ribbons in the fight against drugs and violence. The last Farmers Market was held on Wednesday October 15th.

Steven J. Hirsch, owner of Ted Clark Upholstering, recently visited Omaha, NE for his son's wedding Janathan J. Hirsch, resident of Homewood. He married Rebecca Begley, resident of Omaha at Mary our Queen Church. Steven said he drove over 1000 miles for the weekend so he could return to his business by Monday.

Steve is owner of Ted Clark Uholstering in Oak Lawn and Chair People in Chicago Heights.

Military News

Civilian David C Jankowski, son of Davina Zbiegien of Alsip, and David Jankowski of Bridgeview, recently enlisted in the United States Navy under the Delayed Entry Program at Navy Recruiting District Chicago, Fort Sheridan, Il

Jankowski will report for active duty to undergo basic training at the Navy's Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes.

Jankowski is a 2001 graduate of Argo Community High School of Summit.

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Sheriff's Office - Safety Information Day

The Cook County Sheriff's Office will host the 'Sheriff's Safety Information Day', Saturday, October 25, at Ford City Shopping Center in Chicago. The event will begin at 10 a.m. and run until 3 p.m.

Free fingerprinting will be available for children and medical information cards will be provided to senior citizens. The office personnel will offer safety and crime prevention tips with an array of displays. Representatives from every division of the Sheriff's Office will be present to provide information on the various services offered by the department.

This event provides the residents of Cook County and their Sheriff's Office the valuable opportunity to give and receive input from each other. The event will be held in the Center Court common area of the shopping center.

Veterans' Health & Information Fair to be held by Orland Park

The Village of Orland Park Mayor's Office of Special Services will sponsor its second annual Veterans' Health and Information Fair on Friday, November 7, 2003 at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia. The fair will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Health services that will be offered at the fair include hearing screenings by Sertoma, blood pressure screenings, glaucoma testing. Orland Township will offer flu shots with Medicare B Card ($10 for others), and Palos Community Hospital will have coupons for PSA exams and cholesterol screenings. Representatives from the American Cancer Society, Arthritis Foundation and Social Security Administration will be present.

A representative from Moraine Valley Community College will have information regarding financial aid for veterans. Other participants include the Abraham Lincoln Cemetery, Illinois Veterans Home Manteno, Keith Bristow and Tee Moran from Hines VA Medical Center, John Heinz, Veterans' Benefits Counselor V.A. Regional Office, William Moran, Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, Orland Park Veterans' Commission, Orland Park Police Department, Orland Fire Protection District, and the Orland Park Sportsplex.

Representatives from the American Legion-Orland Memorial Post #111, Veterans of Foreign Wars Reber-Tesmond Post #2604 and the National Association of Atomic Veterans will be in attendance to provide veterans with information about their organizations.

The Office of Special Services officially opened on Veterans Day, November 11, 2002. One of the services offered is providing veterans with assistance to help them obtain information on available benefits, service medal replacement, requests for military records, V.A. health care enrollment and information regarding pensions for eligible veterans. Many veterans have visited our office and attended the seminars that we have sponsored throughout the past year. We encourage all veterans to take advantage of the services this office provides.

For more information or the add a veteran's name to the mailing list for upcoming seminars and events, please call the Mayor's Office of Special Services at 708/403-6188.

Publisher Pen

by Annette Dixon

While watching the 7th game between Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees, which was the last game for post season, I couldn't help wonder why so many people wanted to see the Chicago Cubs and Boston Red Sox in the World Series. As I watched this game I realized how both teams worked extremely well with their managers and coaches.

Let's face it, the Florida Marlins, on the National League showed us how to have heart and come up from behind. We could say that the Cubs played well while they were winning, but look how they played when an error took place. The error which was the interference from the spectator. The Cubs fell apart then and again in the 7th game!

Let's give them a big hoot, and thank them for giving Chicago a thrill. They would have never been that far if it wasn't for Dusty Baker and my favorite player Moises Alou. Thank you Cubs for going as far as you did. The New York Yankees also have heart they were down in the 7th, tied in the 8th, but the 11th inning brought them a victory. At the present time the Marlins and Yanks are tied one game each in the 100th year World Series. Thank God for America and its favorite past time baseball.

Oak Lawn business owner meets great grandson of Jim Beam

Paul Lausch, owner of Southwest Denture Center meets Frederick Booker Noe III, known as "Fred" in Lincoln Park recently. Fred met with Paul at Stanley Kitchen to give him an explanation of what it is like to be a master distiller. Fred's brew is Knob Creek, on of the Jim Beam ultra premium small batch bourbon.

Military News

Marine Corps Pvt. Michael B. Hurley, a 1999 graduate of Marist High School, Chicago, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Hurley and fellow recruits began his training at 5 am, by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical condition program, Hurley spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Hurley and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean personally and in professional conduct.

Hurley and fellow recruits ended the training phase with a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony where he was presented the Marine Corps 'Emblem and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in his careers.

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whitley
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FOR THE THRILL OF THE GAME

Well, it's over. As much as Cub fans hate to admit it - the World Series is out of reach, for this season anyway.

It has been an awesome adventure for loyal Cub fans who enjoyed a nail biting, edge of your seat, competition that brought the Cubs into the spot light of baseball history.

Everyone it seemed was catching Cubs fever. Well, maybe not everyone, but there were more than a few Sox fans secretly rooting for the 'other' home team to go all the way.

It's human nature to jump on the band wagon of success, after all every--body loves a winner. I am not much of a sports' fan. But these last few weeks it's been hard not to watch the Cubs battle for the championship. Besides, it was the only way to watch TV with my hubby of a Cubby fan.

But, now that it's over, with the final outcome being the Marlins getting a shot at the World Series, I'm glad to see that the fans haven't loss their undying sense of loyalty - which is as legendary as the supposed curse that is believed to be shadowing the Cubs for decades. Nothing brought this more to light than the, fan enraging, moment in the 6th playoff game, when fan interference caused the Cubs cheering section to go crazy with anger and frustration.

The view from the TV screen did indeed give the impression that some goofy guy, in the stands, was competing with Moises Alou for a foul ball. Alou's total digust at the fan's unwanted participation, gave all the more reason for viewers to yell and scream at this guy, whose face was soon plastered all over the screen for all to see.

From that moment on it did appear as if the Cubs went downhill. They failed to score and the dumbfounded fan found himself with a police escort to safety as the mounting publicity caused him to fear for his life in what turned into, for him, the 'unfriendly confines.' Sure it wasn't the wisest move in the history of fans grabbing for foul balls. And for the final game 7, many of us were saying an extra prayer that maybe a Cubs victory would take the pressure off this unfortunate fan who got caught up in the moment but who is now realizing the full meaning of what it means to be a scape goat.

Cub fans, I'd like to think, are much too dignified to hold this kind of hateful grudge against this person. No, the Cubs didn't grill the Marlins as we all had hoped. The Cubs may have been down, but as demonstrated through-out the generations—don't ever count them out.

As soon as the tears of defeat were dried the familiar winning attitude emerged. There's always next year, when one thing is as sure as that foul ball catching fan keeping his hands to himself at future games.

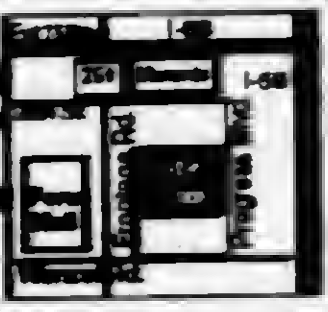
Cubs fans will fill the seats wherever their beloved fans are playing. Win or lose they will support their team and never give up hope. That's a baseball blessing that outnumbers any curse rumored to be following our Chicago team.

As we wait for the break of Spring, I can only think of one thing. Cubs will soar in 2004!!

Singing Men of Oak Brook to perform

The Women's Auxiliary of Evangelical Child an Family Agency is sponsoring the Singing Men of Oak Brook in concert, Saturday, November 1 at 7:30 pm in the Bethel Christian Reformed Church, 3500 Glenwood Lansing Road, Lansing. The Singing Men of Oak Brook is a non-denominational choir of more than 25 men whose members represent a wide range of professionals, churches and communities in the Chicago area, and who love music and Christian ministry.

For ticket information, call Theresa, (708) 425-6683.



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A growing number of people are learning more about the negative health effects associated with indoor pollution. Indoor air pollutants are of particular concern because most people spend about 90 percent of their time indoors.

Fortunately, more information is also available about ways to best purify the air at home and to protect the health of the people who live there from the negative effects of indoor pollution.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) studies of human exposure to air pollutants may be up to 100 times higher than outdoor levels and these contaminants continuously circulate throughout the home.

Most homes have filters that remove particles from the air; the problem is that many of these contaminants are much too small to be captured by filters.

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As more and more people begin to understand the importance of indoor air quality and the potential damage done by contaminants which circulate through ventilation systems, there is a growing interest in purifiers that can destroy chemical and biological contaminants.

For additional information, visit www.sanuvox.com or call 1-888-SANUVOX.

An ultraviolet air purifier sterilizes and neutralizes the air much the same way the sun cleans the atmosphere.

Treat not trick the teeth this Halloween

If recent trends hold, Americans will buy some 20 million pound of candy corn, chocolate, lollipops and other treats for 40 million prospective trick-or-treaters between the age of five and 14 years. That's about a half a pound of candy that 32 tiny teeth will have to hold up against. How? The trick is to moderate kids' intake of sweets and make sure they stick to their brushing-and-flossing routine, according to Ed Schooley, DDS, a national oral health advisor for Delta Dental Plans Association.

Here are some fun and creative ways to protect your child's smile and encourage good dental-care habits this Halloween:

1. Serve a healthy supper. A good meal before trick-or-treating this leaves less room for sugary sweets. Eating sugary treats after a balanced meal is better than eating them alone. The body produces more saliva to help digest big meals, which washes away more food and helps neutralize harmful acids before they can attack teeth.

2. Encourage kids to drink water throughout the day, especially after eating sweets. It will help rinse sugar away from teeth until there is time for proper brushing.

3. Make sure candy is age-appropriate. Don't give children ages five and under jawbreakers or hard candies. These can chip teeth or cause choking.

4.Set up a candy "bank." Allow your child four or five pieces of candy on Halloween, then store the rest in a sealed container (freeze chocolates and candy bars). Establish times when the "bank" will be open for withdrawals over the next month.

5. Offer tooth-friendly fare to trick-or-treaters. Consider sugar-free treats or travel sizes of toothpaste and dental floss. Just remember that although treats like dried fruit and gummy fruit snacks might be more nutritious than candy, all hold decay-producing acid against teeth for longer periods of time than other snacks.

6. Brush before bedtime. Offer your child a new, brightly colored toothbrush as a final Halloween treat. Insist on a good brush before bedtime.

"Gathering and eating Halloween treats can be a lot of fun for kids and parents alike. The key is to enjoy the treats in moderation and to give teeth a treat too, in the form of a little extra care," Dr. Schooley said.

Delta Dental Plans Association, based in Oak Brook, IL, is a national network of independent not-for-profit dental service corporations specializing in providing dental benefits programs to 43 million Americans in more than 75,000 employee groups throughout the country. For more information or to speak with a dentist, contact: Susan C. Morris, Delta Dental Plans Association, 630-574-6855, MAILTO: smorris@ddpa.org or Tina Valek, Leaf Public Relations, 651-324-2710, MAILTO: tina@groupleaf.com.

Country advocates Fire Safety Month

Most fires and the injuries and death resulting from them are preventable. Yet, the National Fire Protection Association reports that 400,000 fires cause more than $6 billion in property damage, 14,050 injuries and 2,670 deaths annually in the home.

In recognition of October's Fire Safety Month, COUNTRY Insurance & Financial Services offers the following precautions to help its policyholders and others protect their homes and property against fire.

Home inspections

According to COUNTRY Safety Education Specialist Doug Sommer, routine home inspections may prevent a fire from starting. The following fire hazards should be removed:

* Piles of stored newspapers or other debris, * Overloaded outlets or old and frayed extension cords, * Matches and lighters within reach of children, * Flammable liquids or aerosols stored near any heat source, and * Materials on or near a stove that could catch on fire.

Smoke detector maintenance

Because fires can start in many ways, installing smoke detectors and knowing how to respond if fire occurs are essential.

"Many families tend to have pre-conceived notions about smoke detectors," says Sommer. "It's important not to fall victim to these common myths."

Here are the facts Sommer says residents should remember:

* Install on every floor of the home, * Check once a month, * Replace batteries once a year, and * Replace detector once every 8 to 10 years.

"Home inspections and smoke detector maintenance are basic steps residents may take to prevent fires in their home," says Sommer. For more information on how to keep your family safe in the event of a fire, go to <http://www.countryfinancial.com/>, and click on Safety under the Learning Center.

Sheriff's Safety tips for this Halloween

Halloween is at the top of American kids list for the most favorite. But without taking the proper safety precautions, Halloween can be ruined in a hurry. Statistically four times as many children are hit and killed by cars on this night than any other. Children are at risk for burns and falls in bulky, unsafe costumes. Here are some tips to help keep your children safe:

1. Costumes should be light colored or reflective and flame retardant. Mask should be avoided, but if worn, enlarge holes for ease in breathing and seeing. Wigs should be fireproof and not impair vision. Discourage sharp or pointed objects as part of the costume. Correct the length of costumes to avoid tripping.

2. Trick-or-treating should take place during daylight hours. Check with your local municipal government to see if there are limitations or curfews for trick-or-treating. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult and older children should be in groups.

3. Discuss and agree on the route your older children will take. They should stay close to home, with the reminder never enter a stranger's home, and never accept a ride from one. Children should walk on the sidewalks out of the street.

4. Remind children not to eat any treats until you have examined them. Candy that looks like it has been tampered with or is unwrapped should be discarded. Apples and other fruit should be sliced several times before it is eaten.

Parents you can check the Cook County Sheriff's Offices website at www.cookcountysheriff.org to look up sex offenders in your area to make your children's trick-or-treating route safer. Your involvement in your children's plans is to insure their safety and fun this Halloween.

Mount Assisi Academy to host two open houses

An all female Catholic high school, Mt. Assisi, on 13860 Main Street, in Lemont, will hold two open houses on Sunday November 2, and Sunday, November 16, from 2-4 pm. A tour of the campus will be offered with many opportunities to meet the faculty, staff and students, as well as parents.

Mediation available to resolve Medicare beneficiary complaints

Medicare beneficiaries will be able to resolve quality of care complaints against healthcare providers or physicians through an optional mediation program beginning this fall. The new program by the Illinois Foundation for Quality Health Care (IFQHC) is sponsored by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to improve the quality of care provided to the population.

The mediation will bring together a provider or physician and a patient or his/her representative for a face-to-face meeting facilitated by an impartial mediator. This alternative to the traditional medical records review process is designed to resolve disputes in a neutral and confidential environment. No records are kept of the proceedings. Participation in mediation is at no cost to either party and is voluntary, which allows either party the option to withdraw from the process at anytime. This mediation process will not be used in cases involving serious quality of care concerns.

Sandy Hall, spokeswoman for IFQHC, states that 80 percent of quality of care complaint cases is driven by lack of communication between parties. The national mediation program is preceded by a successful six-state pilot project conducted in 1998-1999 were most complaints were resolved within a two to four hour mediation. The process is flexible enough to accommodate reasonable scheduling of the participants time. To file a complaint or seek mediation, call 1-800-647-8089.

IFQHC is a non-profit agency that provides education programs to doctors, hospitals, nursing homes, home health care agencies, and conducts outreach programs for beneficiaries.

Medical information

New home care company opens in Orland

In response to our community's overwhelming need for home care services, and a universal desire of aging and disabled individuals to remain in the comfort of their own home. ComForcare Senior Services Home Care has recently opened its newest franchise in the city of Orland Park.

ComForcare provides in-home assistance with daily activities for seniors and disabled individuals of all ages, throughout all of Cook and Will County. These services include assistance with meal preparation, medication reminders, Alzheimer's care, bathing, personal care, light housekeeping, and much more. Services are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year from fully bonded and insured caregivers. To inquire about receiving assistance, contact ComForcare at 708-349-4499.

Valerie and Bob Svenningsen are the owners of the franchise, whose mission is to improve the quality of life and level of independence for every client and family receiving their services. ComForcare's organization draws upon over a half century of collective experience in the industry, and lives by the credo that "When You Can't Be There, Call ComForcare."

Bowling for breast cancer

The Orland Park Medical Campus and Mokena Thunder Bowl will sponsor a bowling night to raise awareness and proceeds to benefit the Y-Me National Breast Cancer Organization. The evening is set for Friday, October 24th at 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. or at 10:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. The address is 18700 Old Lagrange Road in Mokena. Tickets are $30.00 per person, which includes 2 games, shoe rental, and dinner. There will also be a raffle to win some great prizes. For further information contact Orland Park Medical Campus at 1-888-4-MPC-DOC, or Mokena Thunder Bowl at 708-478-3610.

Free depression screening by Christ Medical Center

The third leading cause of death among young people ages 15 to 24 is suicide. Clinical depression, according to recent surveys, occurs in as many as one in five teens and is increasing at an alarming rate. To help adolescents identify signs and symptoms of depression and understand the benefits of prompt, appropriate treatment, Advocate Christ Medical Center is offering a free depression screening on Tuesday, October 28, at 4440 W. 95th St., in Oak Lawn.

There will be a brief discussion about adolescent depression by Christ Medical Center psychiatrist, Dr. Martins Adeoye, including a short question and answer session. Participants will follow by completing a self-assessment questionnaire. A trained mental health professional will review each participant's self-assessment individually. The participant must be at least 12 years old. A parent or legal guardian must accompany any participant under 18 years of age.

Screenings will be offered from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in room 517 West at the medical center. Registration is required. Appointments are limited. To register, please call Christ Medical Center's Health Advisor at 1-800-3-ADVOCATE (1-800-323-8622) and refer to CODE 1M01.

Coverage for prescription drugs

Do you need help paying for prescriptions? The Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy is hosting a free informational session Tuesday, October 28, at 10:00 a.m. on obtaining prescription drug coverage. There will also be an overview of the role of Medicare and Medicaid. Elizabeth Lough, a specialist for the Suburban Area Agency on Aging will give information on numerous programs and opportunities such as Circuit Breaker forms, Senior Care, VA, and Pharmaceutical Manufacturers of America discounts, to name a few. Please call (708) 422-8522. Reservations are requested.

Panel discussion: mental illness research

NAMI Southwest will be holding a Panel Discussion on Current Mental Illness Research on Tuesday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 south 51st Avenue in Oak Lawn.

The speakers will include Dr. Mohammed Y. Alam from the American Medical Research Institute, which is currently studying Major Depression, Treatment Resistant Depression and Bipolar Depression. Also present will be Mary Jan Strong, APRN, from the Psychiatric Community Education Network and Program Director for Psychiatric Clinic at the University of Illinois at Chicago; she will discuss research and treatment options for Schizophrenia.

NAMI Southwest is group of families, friends, consumers and professionals providing support, education and advocacy. They hold weekly support group meetings for families of persons with mental illness. For more information on this event and their support services, contact NAMI Southwest at (708) 425-0925.

Careers in sports: not just for athletes

Illinois State Senator Ed Maloney and the Oak Lawn Park District will cosponsor a Sports, Health & Recreation Career Fair at the Oak Lawn Community Pavilion on Wednesday, October 29, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Dan McGrath, sports editor of the Chicago Tribune, will begin with a presentation. Attendees will be able to visit with professionals from sports related career fields in education, journalism, broadcasting, coaching, athletic training, facility management, public relations, aquatics, recreation planning, physical therapy, massage therapy, sports medicine and chiropractic care. Junior-high, high school and college students - along with parents- with be able to speak with representatives from organizations such as the University of Illinois, Saint Xavier University, Moraine Valley Community College and Oak Lawn Park District. The fair will be held at 9401 S. Oak Park Avenue and is free. For more information contact the Oak Lawn Park District at (708) 857-2420 or e-mail info@olparks.com.

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Bremen High School honors alumni in 50th anniversary celebration

Bremen High School recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. As part of the celebration, alumni were asked to come back to be recognized and honored.

Early in homecoming week, the Information Media class and the TV Production class had the opportunity to interview members of Bremen's first graduating class. Students asked questions about the dress codes, dances and lunches. Attending the "press conference" were Ray Bachar and Ron Wesolowski, the first football players; Bunny Nelson Jenovai, the first cheerleader, and Mary Alice Smith, Bremen's first librarian. Other alumni included Mel Baer, Beverly Hill Beaty, Ken Pittman and Edie Springer Lauderback. District 228 Board President and Bremen graduate also attended the press conference as well as Lori Beck DeVos, District 228's Information Director.

"We realized that Bremen was very different back in the 1950's, " said Bremen student Brittany Townsend. "We found out that there weren't any sports for girl and the girls had to wear skirts and blouses. They could not wear pants."

Other differences included the graduation requirement of only 17 1/2 credits to graduate as opposed to the 22 1/2 today.

At a special alumni reception on the day of the homecoming game, Principal Dr. Marcia Mendenhall addressed the large group, "Welcome back to Bremen High School. . . We are a diverse population who possess a true sense of family here in these hallowed halls. We have well over 700 students involved in different activities and athletic teams." This year Bremen has the highest student population in over 14 years—1122 students.

Dr. Mendenhall also honored the Bremen alumni who work or serve the district. "One of the things that impresses me most is the number of alumni that work to make this district a great educational institution." Some of those Bremen graduates present were School Board President and former Bremen Principal, Dr. Vita Meyer and her husband Jerry Meyer; School Board Members Board Secretary, Ruth Becker; Evelyn Gleason and her husband, Jerry Gleason; Board Member Sharon Johnson Rybak and her husband Dan Ryhak. Another board member Ida Seebock, was present and is a District 228 graduate (Oak Forest).

District 228 School Board President and Bremen graduate Dr. Vita Meyer (left) congratulates 1955 Bremen graduate Leonard Wood for being placed on Bremen's Wall of fame, as Bremen Principal Dr. Marcia Mendenhall reads his accomplishments.

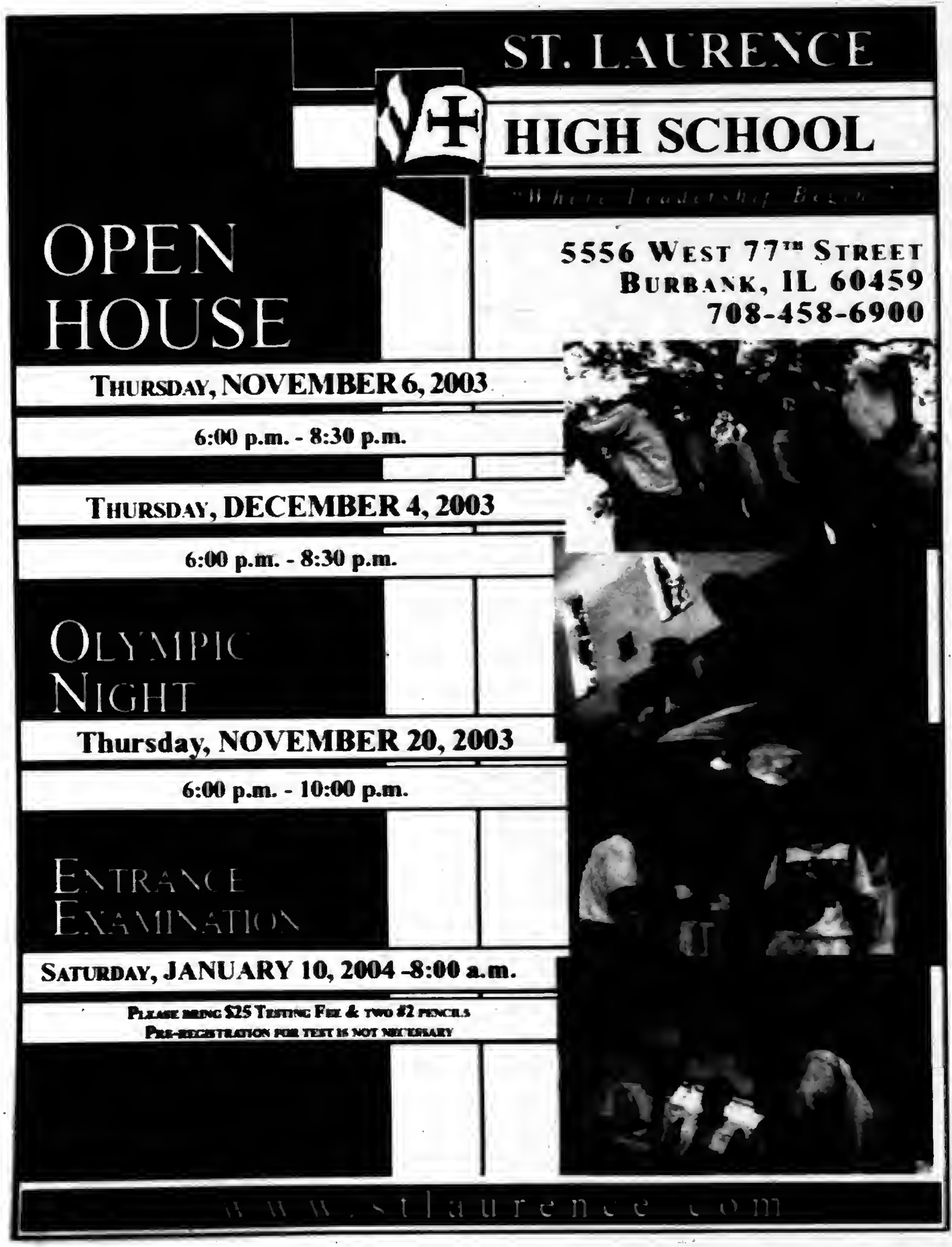
Bremen staff members that are graduates include Associate Principal Dr. David Kihelkis; Pupil Personnel Services Director Amy Peters Langelund; English teachers Mary Rose Bernas, Sara Nagle Logard and Brian Calvert; foreign language teacher Beth Meeder Hasso; social studies teacher Brad Johnson; Aquatics Director and science teacher Terry Stephens, art teacher Sandy Wilczynski; bookkeeper and main office secretary Judy McKinnon D'Ambrosio; supervision monitor and coach Tim Flannigan; supervision monitors and coaches Carolyn Hasten, Tanya Thompson and Shane Richardson; and custodians Dave Reed and Jerry Sala.

One former graduate, SPC Jocelyn Morgan Belcher, from Bremen's class of 1995 presented a flag to her alma mater as a special gift. Dr. Mendenhall read the inscription and presented it to Dr. Meyer. "This American Flag is dedicated to the past, present and future staff and students of Bremen High. It has seen the fights against terrorism in "Operation Enduring Freedom." This flag has been shot at, and rocketed, but she waved proudly over the outposts in Afghanistan. The soldiers of CJTF 180 and Task Force Tiger thank you for supporting us in our missions. Given on this 18th day of September in the year of 2003."

Dr. Mendenhall inducted two special Bremen grads onto the Wall of Fame. Arthur Bond, who is a 1957 Bremen graduate, served in the US Army Signal Corps as a radio relay and carrier team chief from 1961-1964. In 1968, he graduated from Purdue University and received his master's degree in 1969. By 1979, he had earned a doctorate and an associate professorship. He is currently the Electrical Engineering and Technology at Alabama A & M University in Huntsville, Alabama.

Leonard Victor Wood, a graduate of the Bremen's class of 1955, attended a Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida on a four-year scholarship where he majored in philosophy and pre-law. He served as a private practice, a special public defender, a Florida congressman in the Florida House of Representatives, Director of the Seminole County Youth baseball program and was elected a circuit judge for Brevard and Seminole in 1988. He is currently retired.

After the ceremony and reception, the alumni moved to the football field where two tents (alumni 1953-79 and alumni 1980-2002) on each end zone were set up.



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School News

Oak Forest Powder-Puff champions

One of the new Homecoming traditions at Oak Forest High School is the Powder-Puff Football game between the senior and freshmen girls and the junior and sophomore girls. This year's game was played in the evening to a large crowd of students, staff and parents. The flag football game consisted of four 12-minute quarters with a running clock. The game was officiated by Mr. Bill Laude and Mr. Ron Czarnecki, teachers at the school. Cheers were led by a group of energetic young men acting as cheerleaders. The team made up of juniors and sophomores led throughout the game. The final score was 24 to 18. Pictured above are the victorious team members that were coached by Bridgett Trunk, Tammy Baranowski, Sandy Ryder and Katie Welsh.

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Lyric Opera Chicago in schools

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They estimate 24,000 Chicago-area school children will enjoy the performance. Peter Amster directs the 50-minute contemporary English adaptation that will be appearing in local school auditoriums beginning October 14. They are presented without charge with two performances staged each day at 10:00am and noon.

Local performances are Monday November 3: Mother McAuley HS 3737 W. 99th St Chicago. Nov 12. Performing Arts Center, Governors State University; University Park (Park Forest).

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There will be over 25 exhibitors which will include home decoration products, christmas items, ceramics, candles, [illegible] items, christmas ornaments, blown glass items, hand-sewn items, home [illegible]; [illegible] paper and cloth items and wooden crafts. There will be a luncheon, bake sale and raffle will also be available.

Call (708) 423-6378 for more information.

United Methodist Church of Worth, 7000 W. 111th St. invites you to their semi-annual Luncheon scheduled for Monday, November 10 from 10:30-2:00. Luncheon served 11:30-1:00. Crafts, white elephant items and baked goods available for purchase. Luncheon donation $6.

Frederick Booker Noe III visits Chicago

Bob Unangst, resident of Oak Lawn and graduate of Richards High School, meets with Fred B. Noe, great grandson of Jim Beam.

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There will be entertainment, line dancing and games. For the kids there will be a pumpkin carving contest and costume judging. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for the kids four years and older. For more information, call the church office at 708-599-4025.

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Scary Tarts

Total preparation and chilling time: 25 minutes
1 can (14 ounces) Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
1 cup cold water
1 package (4-serving size) instant white chocolate flavor pudding mix
2 cups frozen nondairy whipped topping, thawed
2 packages (4-ounces each) single serve graham cracker pie crusts

Decorations: Assorted candies, colored sprinkles or Halloween candy cut outs
1. Blend Eagle Brand and water with mixer or wire whisk in large bowl. Beat in pudding mix until blended.
2. Chill at least 10 minutes. Fold in whipped topping. Spoon into pie crusts; chill and decorate, as desired. Refrigerate leftovers. Makes 12 tarts.

Witch's Brew

Spooky Sloppy Joes

Total preparation and cooking time: 30 minutes
1 pound ground beef
1 small onion, chopped
1/2 cup chopped orange or red bell pepper
1/2 cup chili sauce
1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce with basil, garlic and oregano
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon black pepper
4 hamburger buns, split
Ghoulish Garnishes (see Cook's Tips, below)
1. Brown ground beef with onion and bell pepper in large nonstick skillet over medium heat 8 to 10 minutes or until beef is not pink, breaking into 3/4-inch crumbles. Pour off drippings.
2. Stir in tomato sauce, chili sauce, Worcestershire sauce, salt and black pepper. Cook an additional 3 minutes or until heated through, stirring occasionally.
3. Spoon equal amounts of beef mixture on bottom half of each bun. Close with top half of each bun. Decorate beef mixture or bun tops with decorations, as desired.
Makes 4 servings.

Cook's Tips: To make olive bats, cut sliced black olives in half. Arrange halves on top of bun to resemble bat wings.

To make ghosts, use cookie cutters to cut ghost shapes from cheese slices.

Monster Meatball Soup

Total preparation and cooking time: 30 minutes
1 package (16 ounces) frozen fully-cooked beef meatballs
1 cup frozen vegetable mixture (such as broccoli, cauliflower and carrots)
2 cups water
1 can (14 to 14-1/2 ounces) ready-to-serve beef broth
1 can (14-1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes with roasted garlic
3/4 cup uncooked small pasta shapes (such as Halloween, alphabet or wagon wheel)
Dairy sour cream (optional)
1. Combine frozen vegetables, water, broth, undrained tomatoes and pasta in large saucepan; bring to boil. Reduce heat; simmer according to package directions until pasta is just tender.
2. Meanwhile, microwave meatballs according to package directions. Add meatballs to soup; heat through. Serve with sour cream, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

Cook's Tip: For an extra special touch, serve Parmesan Toasts with the soup. Cut sliced white bread into Halloween shapes with cookie cutters. Place shapes on baking sheet; sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake shapes in 350°F oven about 10 minutes or until bread is toasted and cheese begins to brown.

Additional dessert recipes, cooking tips and holiday entertaining ideas can be found at www.eaglebrand.com.

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Witch's Brew
Total preparation time: 5 minutes
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1 can (46 ounces) pineapple juice
1 bottle (2 liters) orange soda, chilled
Orange sherbet (optional)
1. Stir together Eagle Brand and pineapple juice in large punch bowl; add orange soda.
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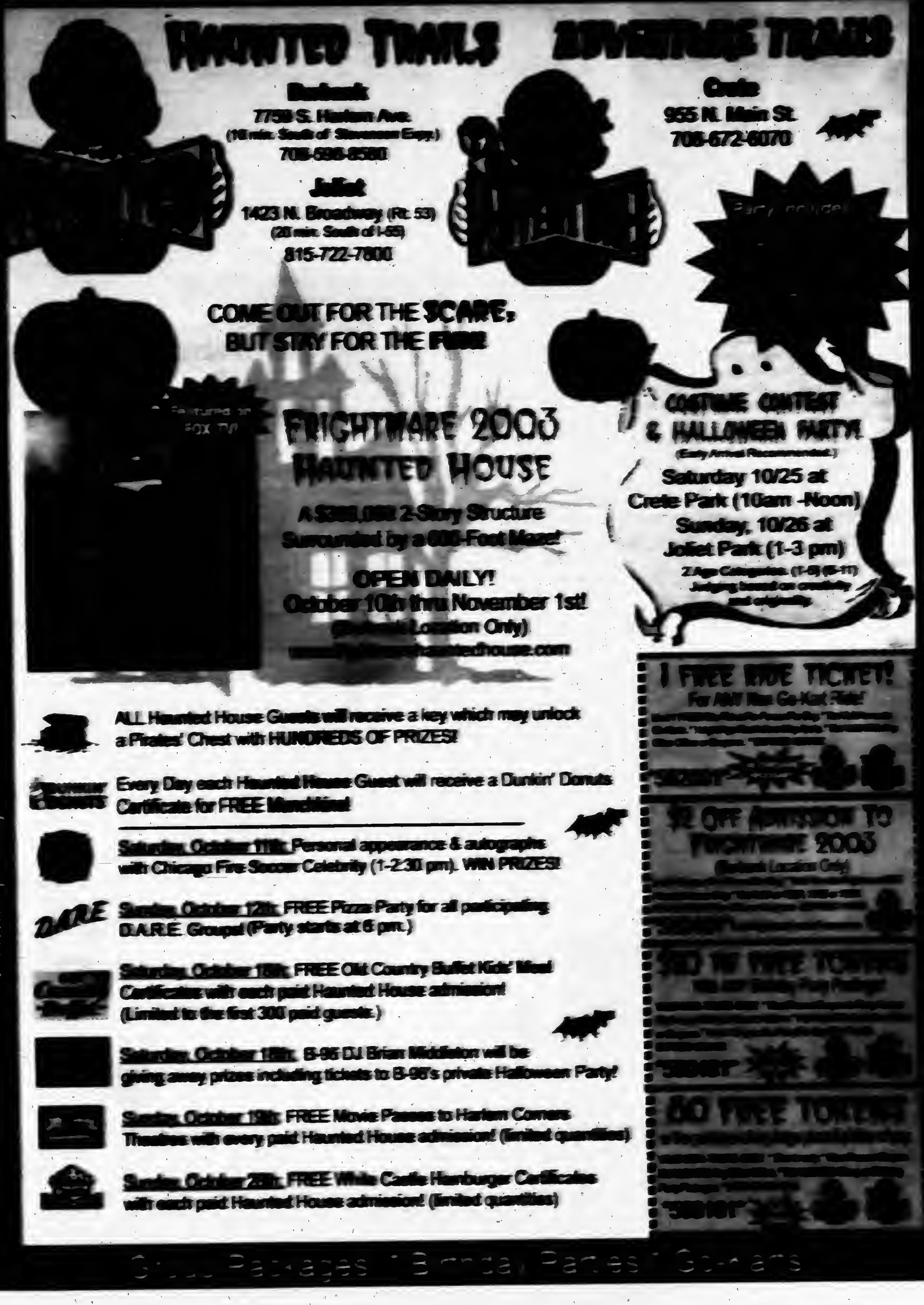

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Amusements

The Great Society

by Marijo Doody

Famous Door Theater presented the world premier comedy of The Great Society by Barbara Wallace and Thomas Wollfe at the Theater Building. The audience was in hysterics as the theme was the 1964 era with the Chicago Daley political party and the rivalry of north and south side baseball fans. This was quite appropriate for the current Cubby run for the championship.

The old Broilio and Brocke trade and Minoso digs were very funny to the baseball fan of the 1960's. The characters the Flannery's were funny in the interplay and the Mrs's new found "we have a choice". The incidents of the idealistic priest and the ward boss for supplying chairs were a period of that time as the Civil Rights Act was brought in. The stage scenery had pronounced photos of John F. Kennedy and Pope John XXIII. Where-ever they are I am sure they were laughing. The play time frame is the first anniversary of JFK's assignation. Jenny Flannery (Jen Engstrom) plays a Jackie Kennedy want-a-be with the funeral-like costuming. She finds a long lost relationship and tries to get her husband John (Will Casey) a job in the Washington political scene. He wants no part of it. His side-kick Daniel Rivkin plays the ward-committee-man in the old style of political wars in that time. The chairs supply for the parish Christmas gathering is a new sign of the Civil Rights as the assistant parish priest (Father Mike played by Michael Bertando), wants to award the contract to a Negro firm, because the bid was less costly. This was not popular in that time. He is short on compassion and wants to run it like a business. The inter-play between the two couples is a center of revolution with turmoil. John F. communes with the Virgin Mary and his wife has big dreams for them. The O'Malley's (Kate Martin & Daniel Rivkin) are alcoholic's near-do-wells and not functional. Dennis is in a fantasy world in space and Kate is a resentful wife with uncontrolled children and depressed. Their world becomes topsy-turvy with the chair supply parish turmoil. The characters with the baseball team rivalries provide as much comedic release and now with the Sox and Cubs.

During intermission, audience members were all asking about the Cub's score as the theater is in Wrigleyview. The Cubs lost.

Queen of Peace High School plans new arts center

A College Center, Chapel windows, and plans for performing arts center is the new topic of conversation at the high school. To encourage young women to become lifelong learners has always been at the center of the QOP mission and the college center will be a place to build on the wonderful preparation they have provided with the latest in technology and human resources. Plans are moving forward for a new performing arts center.

Victor Victoria at OL Park District

The November production of Victor Victoria at the Oak Lawn Park District Theater will take place November 14, 15, 20 & 22 at 8:00pm and November 17 & 23 at 3:00pm. The theater is located at 4625 W. 110th St. Oak Lawn. Tickets are $17 adults and $16 children and seniors. The Executive Producers are Paul Nicchi of Orland Park and Dave Heilmann of Oak Lawn are producer and director of the production. For tickets call 708-857-2200. Oak Lawn's Park District theater productions are always fantastic.

"It's A Wonderful Life" is coming to Orland

The Orland Park Theater Troop part of the Recreation and Parks Department is bringing an American classic to its stage. Open auditions will be held for It's A Wonderful Life on October 13 and 14 in the Old Village Hall, 14413 South Beacon Avenue. The show is slated for performance in December 12, 13 and 14 at the Civic Center 14750 South Ravinia Avenue. For information call 708-403-7275.

Hearts for Hope Ball comes to Hope Children's Hospital

A frightfully good time with goblins, ghouls and other costumed creatures will dance the night away to benefit children at Advocate Hope Children's Hospital Oak Lawn Ill. On October 25th. They estimate 400 health-care, business and community leaders will gather at the Willowbrook Ballroom, 8900 S. Archer Ave., Willow Springs, Ill. Creative costumes are encouraged. Tickets are $100 and available by calling 847-384-3400. Information about sponsorship is available from Randy Varju at 708-346-5056.

Willowbrook's dance schedule is as follows: Country and Western: October 20th, 21st, 24th, 27th, 28th (7:30 to 10:00) Salsa Night October 22nd, 29th, (7:30 to 11:00) Ballroom Dancing October 26th, November 2nd from 2 to 5:30 and Swing Night on Sunday October 26th, November 2nd (8:30 to 11:30). Willowbrook is at 8900 S. Archer Ave. in Willow Springs. Call 708-439-1000 for any information.

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Shakepeare's "Taming of Shrew" is full of 'Irony'

review by Mark Macey

To be or not to be will revert to see or not to see. The subject in question is William Shakespeare's production of "Taming of The Shrew" currently entrancing audiences at the Chicago Shakespeare on Navy Pier through Nov. 23.

As a proud Chicago iron worker by day Shakespeare's plays have always held an interest to me when it comes to the relevance of the writer. Artistic director, Barbara Gaines, whose passion is Shakespeare provides her audience with a modern twist to the "Taming of the Shrew". The setting is drawn from Fredrico Fellini's portrait of Rome in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Theater goers will see motorcycles instead of horses and jeans and leather instead of tunics.

The production is set against a backdrop of the high life of Italy's Via Veneto and follows the courtship between the shrew-like Katharine superbly brought to life by 2002 Chicago Magazine Best Actress award winner Kate Fry and Ryan Shively as Petruchio.

Petruchio is determined to tame Katharine's famous temper and win her dowry.

Chicago Magazine's Best Actress for 2002, Kate Fry plays Katherine and Ryan Shively as Petruchio. The ensemble is rounded out with actors Guy Adkins, Dave Belden, Donald Brearley, Cliff Chamberlain, Chaon Cross, Marlene Flood, Neil Friedman, James Harms, Joshua Holden, Matthew Krause, Ross Lehman, Daniel May, Roger Mueller, Andrew Navarro, Ned Noyes, Jim Sitonna, Tom Taylor, Gene Weygandt, Scot Carlson, Leslie De La O, Zachary Ford, Andy Gershenzon, Philip Higgins, Bethany Kinsler, Sharon Muthu, Lettice Perotte, Clayton Stamper and Barbara Zahora.

Director David Bell continues his reputation with the vivid storytelling and bright staging.

Call 312-595-5600 for tickets.

Dance news

Performing Arts Chicago and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago presents the rare engagement of the internationally acclaimed dance company La La La Human Steps in Amelia. Choreographer Lock continues his exploration of human gesture through a powerful interplay of speed and extremes using both real and animated dancers. Performing Arts Chicago is one of the city's leading presenters of new direction in theater, music and dance. The performance will be held in the new Joan W. and Irving B. Harris Theater for Music and Dance in Millennium Park, Friday and Saturday Nov 21 and 22 at 8:00pm. Tickets are $15-45. The PAC phone line is 773-5063. Ticketmaster is 312-902-1500. This is the first performance in the theater.

Chicago artist Peter Hurley exhibits Chicago Dancers from the Altman Film "The Company" at Thomas Masters Gallery, located at 245 W. North Avenue, Chicago. It features the Joffery Ballet of Chicago. The collection opens Dec. 25. Hurley's focus on dance has been inspired by the legendary artist Edgar Degas whose paintings are housed in the Art Institute Chicago.

Orland Park Recration Department offers a variety of Dance Classes for preschoolers and adults. Class offerings are Budding Ballerinas, Dance Discovery, Boys and Girls Jazz and Hip-Hop, Pointe Modern, Irish Dance, and Jazz classes are available at the Loebe Recreation Center and the village Sportsplex. For further information call 708-403-7275

Joffrey Ballet

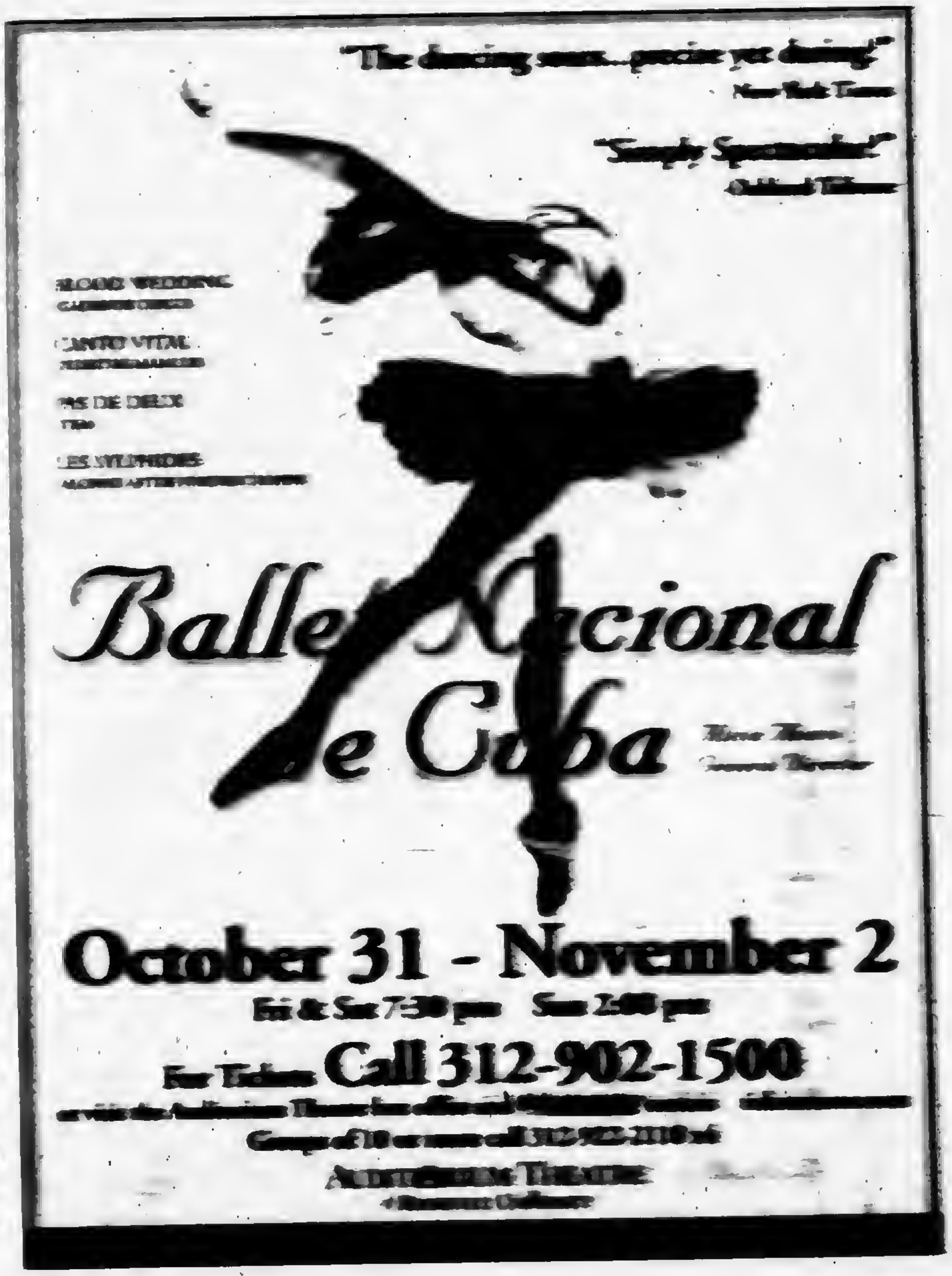
by Marijo Doody

The short run of Romeo and Juliet was presented at the Auditorium Theater on Congress Parkway, Chicago. The audience was treated to an exquisite night transferring back to 18th century Italy. Romeo and Juliet danced by Willy Shives and Maria Wilkins were a dream duo. They blended movement as one and were a rapturous couple. The tale was filled with great pageantry and bold storytelling.

Romeo's friends danced by John Gluckman (Mercato) and Michael Levin (Tybalt) provided strong masculine roils. The dancing of the bridesmaids was so very lovely in the third act scene and a sparkling gem.

This is the first orchestra merging of the Joffrey with the Chicago Sinfonietta under the direction of conductor Leslie Dunner. This appears to be an ideal relationship.

The audience could have both the ballet and baseball as after each act the score was announced of the Cub's game.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Here are a few suggestions from the experts at York(r) Heating and Cooling on how to select an HVAC contractor.

Do your homework. Start by gathering information from books, magazines and online resources about HVAC systems and what their care and maintenance involves.

Use your network. Get recommendations from friends, co-workers, real estate agents and home improvement specialists.

Look for professional connections. Check to see if your contractor is a member of a professional organization such as ACCA or if the contractor's technicians are certified by NATE (North American Technician Excellence).

Is he or she covered? Ask to see a contractor's state and local licenses, liability insurance forms and worker's compensation documents. Be sure documents cover any technicians or subcontractors working for him or her.

Experience counts. Take the number of years a contractor has been in business into consideration when making your decision. A reputation for quality, reliability and dependability doesn't happen by accident or overnight.

What about house calls? A good contractor will visit your home to make an on-site inspection before making any equipment recommendations. A load calculation should be part of that visit.

Communication is essential. A good contractor will want to learn what you expect from an HVAC system, as well as any concerns you may have.

What's on the menu? Research the selection of services a contractor offers. Is scheduled maintenance included? What about repairs? Is the contractor available around the clock?

Word of mouth counts. Ask for references and check those references. While references often have the greatest impact on a homeowner who is looking for a contractor, they should be considered along with other information gained through your search.

To learn more about selecting a quality HVAC contractor, visit the Web site at www.yorkupg.com or call 1-800-910-YORK.

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Your car's health for the winter

Today's family automobile is a sophisticated, computer-controlled mechanical marvel that requires less care and is often more dependable than its predecessors.

But to keep your car running smoothly, basic preventive maintenance is key to reliable performance-and it can mean savings down the road.

The world's largest provider of automotive aftermarket parts-NAPA-recommends a five-point preventive maintenance program to keep your car running smoothly:

Oil Change-Unless your driving is mostly highway miles, today's engines will run better and last longer with clean oil every 3,000 miles or three months, including a filter change. A $30 oil change can save you from costly engine repairs later.

Brakes-An unusual noise or a gentle tug on the steering wheel when stopping are common warning signs that it's time to check the brakes. A good rule of thumb is to check the brakes at the 6,000- to 7,500-mile mark when tires should be rotated.

Coolant System-Thoroughly flush coolant systems and replace with the appropriate antifreeze at least every two years to minimize metal deterioration and to keep the system flowing. And be sure to use the correct water to coolant mix. Check the coolant reservoir monthly (and the windshield washer reservoir, too) and top off as needed.

Battery-As part of your car's regular maintenance, ask your technician to make sure the battery cover is in place and the battery is firmly anchored. Most important, clean the battery of corrosion, especially the electrical posts.

Check-Engine Light-An illuminated check-engine light on your dashboard is your car's early warning system that something is wrong. It could be as simple as a loose gas cap or spark plug wire, or a serious forewarning of a mechanical failure. Take your car to an ASE-certified technician as soon as possible to diagnose and fix the problem.

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Protecting your home from cold weather invasions

As the cold weather sets in, an estimated 21 million U.S. homes will be invaded by rodents this year.

Rats and mice, who once made their homes outdoors, will begin traveling indoors seeking food, water and shelter.

Some signs that rodents may have invaded your home are:

Droppings in non-congested areas such as the attic, garage, under baseboards and along walls, as well as common areas such as the kitchen.

Scampering or gnawing sounds late at night from behind the walls, basement, or attic.

Your cat or dog pawing excitedly at a kitchen cabinet, the base of your refrigerator or wall.

Home improvement expert Lou Manfredini, aka Mr. Fix-It, offers tips on how to make sure these critters do not invade your home.

Keep piles of freshly chopped firewood away from the foundation of your home and make sure you trim the bushes and trees that are next to the house to prevent rodents from nesting in these areas. You do not want to create a safe haven for rodents to live in.

Mice can squeeze through spaces as small as a dime. Therefore, conduct an inspection of your home. Seal up all potential entrances with steel wool, sheet metal or cement. Expandable foam, available at hardware stores, works well to keep them out.

No food, no water, no problem. Keep all food, water and garbage in containers with tight-fitting lids. Never leave food or water out overnight, even for your pets. And if your pets do their business in the backyard, make sure to pick up after them every night. While it's not a pleasant thought, animal droppings are a food source for rodents.

Wash dishes immediately after use. Sweep the floors and wipe down all countertops to ensure no crumbs are left behind. Inspect under your cabinets, especially under the sink and seal up any openings around the plumbing pipes.

Be proactive and keep a supply of d-CON(r) Rodenticides on hand. Regular baiting and trapping helps deter rodents.

For more information on rodent prevention, or for a free brochure, you can call the folks at d-CON(r) Rodenticides at 1-800-395-3266.

When the weather outside is frightful, rats and mice look for somewhere delightful to spend the winter. Could it be your house?

Fall into home fix-ups

The crisp autumn air, changing foliage and cooler temperatures of fall are a good time to tackle home improvement projects. There are a number of simple home projects around the house that will help prepare your home for the winter months ahead.

Here are some simple home fix-up projects to get your home in shape this fall:

Gutter Buster-Falling leaves, twigs and pine needles can block downspouts and cause rainwater to overflow gutters. Clean your gutters after most of the leaves have fallen and check for and repair any problems. To keep gutters clean for next fall, install mesh or perforated leaf shields.

New Adhesive Tile-Cracked bathroom tiles, peeling linoleum and chipped molding can easily be replaced to give rooms a fresh look. The Loctite Power Grab Pressure Pack(tm) (www.loctiteproducts.com) is a high-strength construction adhesive designed for multi-surface use on surfaces such as concrete, brick, veneer, treated lumber, plywood and drywall. In addition, the pressure pack is easy to dispense and no extra caulk gun is needed.

Avoid Drafty Situations-Part of your fall chores should be checking your home's doors and windows for areas where cool air can leak in, and warm air can escape. To make them draft free, make sure to maintain and upgrade weather stripping. All sorts of do-it-yourself materials are available: rope caulk, self-stick foam, and rubber weatherseals (www.duckproducts.com). The goal is to ensure that your windows and doors are snug but still operative.

Keep the Heat-Fall is the perfect time to inspect insulation. Up to 30 percent of a home's heat loss typically occurs around ceilings, and can be dramatically reduced by adding insulation. Proper attic insulation is the key to cutting this loss, and will keep your house warmer in winter and cooler in summer. If there is no flooring over ceiling joists, adding loose insulation is as easy as emptying the bags and spreading an even layer. If your attic has flooring, you may need to insulate between the roof rafters.

No Smoking Section-Make sure to change the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at the beginning of the season.

Neat Freak-Sorting and reorganizing drawers, closets and cabinets can greatly improve the look of your home and it can be done without spending a fortune. Clean out your summer wardrobe and donate old clothing and furniture to local charities to help leave more space for items you use. With masking tape for labeling and a few plastic storage bins, boxes or baskets, you can easily bring order to cluttered areas.

Don't feel like you have to tackle these home improvement tasks on your own. Have the entire family chip in and help out. And when you're done, be sure to reward everyone with a mug of hot apple cider.

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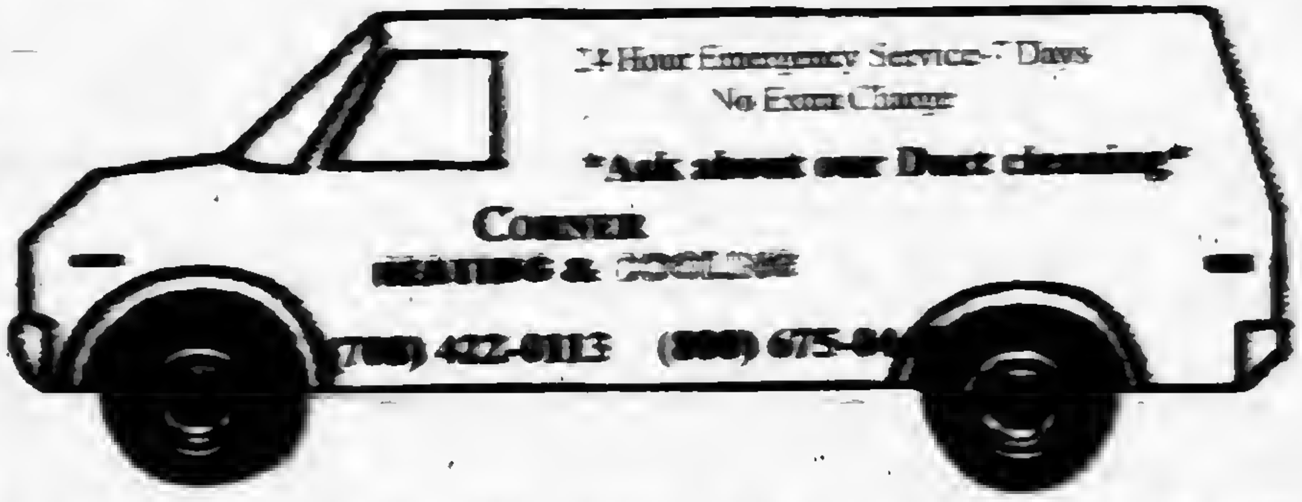

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On Friday, October 31, an adapted version of the Hallowed Haunts concert program will be presented in free back-to-back performances for students in grades K-3 and students of all ages with special needs, scheduled for 10:15 am and 12:15 pm. Come in costume if you wish.

Questions? call 312/ 294-3410.

Scarecrow 'Round the Square will be held on Sat. Oct. 25 from 1:30-3:30 pm at the Washington Square Retirement Community, 10 N. Washington St., Hinsdale.

There will be life-size scarecrows, costume judging (contest, best dressed, and most original), the Boley Family Festival, a Halloween Parade, Marty Sammon Duo will perform bluegrass music, games, prizes refreshments, and storytelling. Admission is free. Call 630/986-5625 for more information.

Navy Pier, Six Flags Great America, and the Shed Museum all have special events planned for the season.

For information on Navy Pier, call 312/595-5225 or visit their website at www.navypier.com.

For Six Flags information, call847/249-INFO or visit sixflags.com.

For the Shed Aquarium "Spooky Seas" Halloween Bash information, call 312/558-7770.

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Oak Forest Homecoming Queen and King crowned

Pictured above (from left to right) are the members of the Oak Forest High School 2003 Homecoming Court: Joe Infantino, Lindsey O'Gean, Tony Dellorto, Courtney Bay, King Mike Lang, Queen Ruth Hogan, Josh Eldenkamp, Gabe Perez, Dave Foss and Melissa Miller.

Bengals celebrate Homecoming

Oak Forest High School celebrated its Homecoming with a victory over the Crete-Monee Warriors, 46-6 and remained undefeated with a record of 7 and 0. The victory was the culmination of a very exciting week for all Bengals and alumni. The Senior Class won the best hall decs award, the Pom-Pom Squad was awarded first place in this year's Homecoming Motorcade and the Spirit Stick, which is awarded to the organization that shows the most school spirit was presented to the Varsity Football Team.

This year's homecoming was a dual celebration in honor of our district's fiftieth anniversary. Honored guests present at the assembly were State Senator Mrs. Maggie Crotty, Superintendent of District 228, Dr. Raymond Reiplinger and Oak Forest's first principal, Mr. P. McBain. The highlights of the assembly were the crowning of Queen Ruth Hogan and King Mike Lang and the introduction of the Varsity Football Team by Head Coach Brian McDonough.

A reception was held in the school's cafeteria for alumni, administrators and faculty. Dr. Vita Meyer, District 228's School Board President, Superintendent Dr. Raymond Reiplinger and Dr. Savka Mladenovich, Oak Forest's Assistant Principal welcomed all to the celebration. Alumni were given special Memory Books and ribbons in honor of the anniversary. During the game a Hospitality Tent in the north end zone was filled with more alumni and faculty. The large crowd was treated to a great half-time show provided by the marching band, cheerleaders and poms. The day ended with spectacular fireworks that filled the sky

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Second annual Ride 'N Tie Race

Oil your bike wheels and get out your running shoes. Open Lands of Orland Park will sponsor its second annual fundraising Ride 'n Tie Race on Sunday, October 26, 2003. The race begins at Meadow Ridge School, 159th Street and 108th Avenue, and then travels ten miles on village streets and finishes back at Meadow Ridge School.

The Ride 'n Tie consists of two-person teams, who alternate biking and running over a ten-mile course. One team member starts off running while the other is on the bike. The biker may put down the bike at two miles, and when the runner reaches the bike, they change modes and continue. Each team may decide when to make the switch, but there are two mandatory change points. Both team members and bike must cross the finish line together. Mountain and road bikes are permitted and helmets are mandatory. The field is limited to 150 teams.

Check-in begins at 7 a.m. and the race starts at 8 a.m. Pre-registration is open until Saturday, October 25, 2003. Registration is available at the Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue, the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street or on-line at www.signmeupsports.com. Packet pick-up will be at Human Race Sports, 15148 South LaGrange Road, on October 23rd, 24th and 25th.

The cost of the race is $50 per team pre-registration and $60 per team the day of the race. All participants will receive a t-shirt. Awards will be given to the top three teams in each age/gender group and to the top overall winners. Refreshments will be available after the race.

The Open Lands of Orland Park Corporation is a not-for-profit entity created to raise funds and purchase open space to augment public open space efforts. Open Lands has been raising money from private sources and through fundraising events like this to enable the Village of Orland Park to purchase vacant parcels of land. In 2000, residents approved the $20 million Open Lands Referendum. The fund has also received more than $4 million in grants from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to purchase vacant parcels. More than 250 acres of open space have been purchased, along with 38 acres having been donated. Several more properties are being pursued.

The Ride 'n Tie Race is sponsored by Open Lands of Orland Park, Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department, Human Race Sports, Chicago Athlete, A.G. Edwards & Sons, Brooks, Clif Bar, Buffalo Wild Wings and AthleteX. Corporate and business sponsorships are still available.

For more information or to participate as a sponsor, please call (708) 403-6145.

Oak Forest Senior Health Fair to be held

The Oak Forest Senior Citizen Commission in cooperation with the Oak Forest Park District will be hosting the fourth annual Senior Health Fair on Thursday, October 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The fair is free to all seniors and will be held in the gymnasium of the Oak Forest Community Center, located at 15601 S. Central in Oak Forest.

There will be ample parking and the Senior Bus will also be available. Various screenings will be offered including equipment to check earwax, speech and hearing. Flu and pneumonia shots will be free to those with their Medicare and supplement cards. $20 and $25 for those seniors not on Medicare. Numbers will be given at registration to avoid standing in line for a long period of time.

The Secretary of State Mobile Unit will be on hand to provide services. Three local hospitals will be represented and various agencies will be on hand to discuss medical supplies, home care, retirement and nursing homes. Financial planners and insurance representatives will be there to offer their services along with some travel agents, all in the name of good health. The Oak Forest Police Department will provide Medical Emergency ID bracelets for Oak Forest residents with medical needs for a fee of $11.00.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served including a light lunch of sandwiches, chips, and a drink available in a separate room designated as the Senior Room. The entire event is free with no entrance fee. The Oak Forest Senior Citizen Commission is designed to serve the people who made the community what it is today, the seniors.

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There will be over 35 exhibitors, which will include home demonstration products, christmas items, ceramics, candles, crocheted items, blessing boxes, blown glass items, hand sewn items, home products, jewelry, paper and bath items and wooden crafts. There will be a lunch room, bake sale and raffles will also be available.

Call 708 / 423-6378 for more information.

Luncheon will be served

United Methodist Church of Worth, 7100 W. 112th St. invites you to their semi-annual Luncheon, sceduled for Monday, November 10 from 10:30-2:00. Luncheon served 11:30 -1:00. Crafts, white elephant items and baked goods available for purchase. Luncheon donation. $6.

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Worth mulls code changes

By David Vognar

In a surprise move, village officials on Tuesday, October 7 considered making drastic changes to the way that requests for code variances are handled within the village. Normally, Worth residents address their desires to vary from village code to the village&#8217;s zoning board, a separate entity from the Board of Trustees. However, according to Village Attorney Mat Delort, this practice is not necessarily consistent with village mandates. It is also not necessarily logical.

The village requires that the zoning board only entertain motions related to zoning. But for more than a trice of time, the board has granted variance to a host of village codes not under its discretion. The power of the zoning board to regulate these variances in everything from laws about garage size to pool lengths is more inferred than explicit. Delort expressed the need to clarify the process of applying for variances, to make it easier for both Worth citizens and Worth ombudsmen. Delort suggested that one solution is to expand the jurisdiction of the zoning board to hear variance cases about garages, pools and other structures.

Because the zoning board does not hear many zoning cases, such a move would delegate the zoning board with an actual role, Delort maintained. He said that in a village like Worth & #8211; & #8211; fully developed with only minor zoning conflicts & #8211; & #8211; a zoning board does not fill a large need. Legitimizing the board & #8217's role in approving variances would put such an issue to rest. Delort also explained that expanding the role of the zoning board would free up other village development and planning committees to tackle more serious issues facing the village.

Voices were also raised to support another idea to clear up the zoning board confusion. Trustee Mary Rhein, for one, was in favor of abandoning the frivolous variance cavils altogether by making more lenient the kind of ordinances the zoning board would see. More flexible ordinances, proponents argued, would forfend against the confusion of nugatory variances by eliminating the need for them. They also said it would help the taxpayer. Currently, it costs $200 to receive a variance in village code.

In the end, the board decided that time was on its side. The village decided to wait on the issue. Nonetheless, the trustees urged Delort to investigate the best way to alleviate the confusion of the role of the zoning board.

In other news, Mayor Edward S. Guzdziol reported on his successful and thought-provoking experience at the Metropolitan Mayor&#8217;s Caucus. The 270 mayors from the Illinois area met on Thursday, October 2 to discuss the funding of public schools. Currently, two-thirds of local property taxes go towards public education in a time when the state government is in a budget crisis. The mayors made a plea to Illinois&#8217; legislators to find better, more equitable ways to fund schools.

Guzdziol also took aim at the unfunded mandates presented by both the state and U.S. governments that force citizens to pay more for public education. With the requisites from programs like the federal No Child Left Behind ordinance, more money is coming from local tax sources, and less from the state and federal government, he maintained.

Palos Hills update

In the Police Department of Palos Hills: two new patrol officers were sworn in. Joe Kelly and Susan Sperling , bringing the total to 35 full time on the force.

Special events in Palos Hills which are coming up are: Oct. 29-Safety Seminar sponsored by the Police Department for seniors. Oct. 30-Spooky stories told in the park. Oct. 31-Halloween party. Call ahead for reservations and tickets. Nov. 11-Veteran's Day Ceremony held at 5:30 pm. Call community Resources at ext. 114 for details. Nov. 20-Youth Turnabout Day.

Many residents have had questions about the 1.9 million spent on the lake and park property. From the minutes of the meeting, it is said that the owners of the property had site plans. The site plans included single-family homes for the east side and condos for the west side. Part of that site was in a flood plane. In order to get the buildings in a position so that they would be out of the flood plain, they needed to raise the site. As part of the raising, they needed to compensate or off-set the site to meet our city ordinance relative to flood plain compensatory storage.

In all actuality, it became clear after discussion at a meeting that the asbestos removal was only going to cost $169,000. Newspaper reports that had been printed were flase.

The warrant dated Oct. 17 was $1257,008.66. The next meeting will be on Oct. 30 at 8 pm.

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation awards Moraine Valley Student $1,000 scholarship

Moraine Valley president Dr. Vernon O. Crawley (left) and vice president of Student Development Dr. Nancy Bentley, present Kevin Navas, of Tinley Park, a $1,000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation for his academic achievements at the college. Navas, a freshman working toward a business Administration degree at Moraine Valley, is a graduate of Andrew High School.

Free Flue Shot Program in Palos Township

The Palos Township Health Service is once again announcing its annual free flue shot program.

This program is intended for senior citizens and other persons at risk, 18 years of age and older. The flu shots are available at no charge to residents of our Palos Township Community.

The schedule is as follows: Wed., Oct 22, 2:30-6:30 pm; Thurs., Oct. 23, 3:00-7:00 pm; Fri., Oct. 24, 9:30am-12:30 pm; Mon., Oct. 27, 9:30 am-1:00 pm; and Tues., Oct. 28, 3:00-7:00pm.

We anticipate high demand. Please have identification and proof of address available (State photo I.D., Drivers License, etc.) We hope you will utilize this special service provided to you by Palos Township.

Frederick Booker Noe III visits Chicago and meets with local resident

Bob Lanigan, resident of Oak Lawn and graduate of Richard's High School, meets with Fred B. Noe, great grandson of Jim Beam.

Fred Noe wanted to thank distributors and business owners in the Chicago area. The above picture was taken at Stanley Kitchen and Tap in Lincoln Park.

Luncheon will be served

United Methodist Church of Worth, 7100 W. 112th St. invites you to their semi-annual Luncheon, scheduled for Monday, November 10 from 10:30-2:00. Luncheon served 11:30 -1:00. Crafts, white elephant items and baked goods available for purchase. Luncheon donation, $6.

Holiday Bazaar to be held

Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Holiday Craft Bazaar, 8426 W. 95th St. on Saturday, November 1, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

There will be over 35 exhibitors, which will include home demonstration products, christmas items, ceramics, candles, crocheted items, blessing boxes, blown glass items, hand sewn items, home products, jewelry, paper and bath items and wooden crafts. There will be a lunch menu, bake sale and raffles will also be available.

Call 708 / 423-6378 for more information.

Candlelight Bowl is fundraiser

South West Special Recreation Association, an agency that provides programs for individuals with disabilities, is holding a Candlelight Bowl Fundraiser. This Fundraiser will be held Saturday, November 1 at 9:30 pm at Orland bowl.

This fun-filled event includes 3 games of bowling, a full buffet dinner, prizes, split the deck and raffles! All proceeds benefit SWSRA programs. The last day to register is October 24th or until full. Tickets are $25 per person for bowling and dinner. Call SWSRA at 708 / 389-9423 to reserve your tickets.

Haunted House in Worth

The Youth Group of the United Methodist Church of Worth will again sponsor their annual Haunted House at 7100 W. 112th St., Worth. Dates and times are:

Thurs., Oct. 23, 7:00-10:00; Fri., Oct. 24, 7:00-10:00; Sat., Oct 25, 7:00-11:00; Sun., Oct. 26, 1:00-4:00 (10 yrs & under) and 7:00-10:00; Wed., Oct. 29, 7:30-10:00; Thurs., Oct. 30, 7:00-10:00; and Fri., Oct. 31, 7:00-11:00.

Admission is $6 -$1 discount with donation of a non-perishable food item. (Limit 1 item per person).

Refreshments, most nights, at the Boy Scout Canteen. Admission to the Children's Haunted House is $3-no discount applies.

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Oak Lawn cross-country team sends runner to State

By David Vognar

In at the beginning of the school year, Oak Lawn Community High School junior Josh Lopez felt that this cross-country season would hold something special for him and his fellow distance runners.

" We all knew this year would be the year," Lopez said. "We knew we had good seniors like Jeremy (Prendergast), Tom Zero, Joe Fattore and my brother (Justin Lopez). We also had great young guys like Dan Buys and Dave Sexton. If we were going to do it, it had to be this year."

Set to graduate four of its seven top runners next June, Coach Chris Reppa's team knew this was the year to do something Oak Lawn had never done before—win a Conference championship. By the Saturday, November 1 state-qualifying meet, the boys had done that and then some.

Led by the lanky junior Dave Sexton and the tenacious senior Jeremy Prendergast, Oak Lawn ran its way to Conference and Regional titles, both firsts in school history. At the Conference meet, Oak Lawn leveled the competition, taking home the SICA North Conference crown.

The Spartans carried that momentum into the Regional meet on October 25. Sexton paced the squad with a 15:49 3-mile dart, finishing in first overall. Not far behind was Prendergast, who came across the finish line at 16:15. Oak Lawn was able to edge out Marist by one point for the championship, due to the stellar flanking performances of Fattore, Lopez, Zero and Buys—who finished in 8th place himself.

But the Spartans did not stop there. On a chilly Saturday morning on November 1, at the Midlothian Meadows Forest Preserve, the boys broke yet another school record by sending its first runner to the State competition. Zipping through the masses of runners, the Regional champion and honors student Sexton placed 13th with a time of 15:34, enough to qualify as an individual. The team as a whole was just two places off from qualifying all top seven runners, and many runners posted personal best times.

Sexton will next try his luck at the State 3-mile run to be held Saturday, November 8 at Detweiller Park in Peoria. With the rest of the team cheering him on, it just might be possible for Oak Lawn's fleet-footed runner to break yet another record.

Check out Jacki Mari's astrological predictions on page 4

Stancik presides over Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting

By Matt Mayer

October 28th was first Board of Trustees meeting that Trustee Ronald Stancik presided over as acting Village President. The brief meeting commenced with the board approving a subdivision of one lot and the resubdivision of 2 lots at the northwest corner of 95th and 54th Ave. as well as a request for street and alley vacation, including partial release of public utility easements north of 95th street, between 54th Ave. and 54th Court.

The board also approved an ordinance vacating a street and certain alleys: 54th Court from the north right of way line of 95th street north, for a distance of 224 ft., the first east/west alley north of 95th street, between 54th Ct. and 54th Ave., and the first 70 ft. of the north/south alley located north of the adjacent east/west alley.

The following ordinances were also approved by the board - side yard setback variations at 8738 South Merrimac Ave., a parking variation at 4912 W. 95th Street, the approval of a five lot re-subdivision and granting certain lot width, lot coverage, and side yard setback, and a dedicated roadway abutment as well as easement width variations at 10425 S. Kedvale Ave.

The board approved a resolution adding Acting Village President Ronald Stancik, as authorized signer at First Midwest Bank. The board approved a proposed intergovernmental agreement with Community High School District 218 for the purchase of diesel fuel.

The board also awarded a contract for the 2004 light bulbs and fixtures in the Department of Public Works, Building and Grounds Division, to the low bidder, Graybar Electric of Glendale Heights, Illinois in the amount of $3,441.04. A recommendation to award a contract for the 2004 supply of light bulbs and fixtures in the Department of Public Works, Street Division, to the low bidder, Helsel-Jepperson Electric, Inc of Chicago Heights, Illinois in the amount of $13,429.92 was also approved.

The following Planning and Development Commission appointments were approved by the board - Wayne Gray, 5119 W. 90th St. (Dist-2) until 12/31/05 and Leonard Kosinski, 9201 S. Tripp (Dist-4) until 12/31/05.

The Village Hall will be closed on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11th. However the next board meeting will be on November 11th at 8 pm.

First meeting set for Evergreen Park Historical Commission

By Matt Mayer

The board briskly moved through the agenda at the October 20th Board of Trustees meeting. Mayor James Sexton announced that Trustee Jerry Bosh had set the first meeting of the Evergreen Park Historical Commission for October 22nd at the Community Center Library at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor James Sexton stated that in light of the tragic fire at the Cook County Administration Building in which people were trapped in the stairwell, he is planning to meet with the Village Attorney and Fire Chief, Edward Clohessy, to review the village ordinances regarding high rises. The village has three such buildings, the Hospital, an office building in the Plaza, and a Bank. Clohessy stated that the Hospital and the Plaza Towers currently have the locking doors.

Mayor Sexton asked for the boards approval to meet with the Village Treasurer, the Public Works Director and the Village scavenger service, Land and Lakes, to discuss possibly obtaining 90 or 45 gallon waste containers for all residents in the unlikely event of another garbage strike. Sexton also added that the containers could help control any rodent problems.

The board approved a business regulation certificate for Alberto's, a men's retail clothing, tailoring and monogram shop at 3656 W. 95th St, and OSA, Inc D/B/A Mrs. Fields, in the Plaza.

The meeting concluded with the board approving to proclaim the week of November 3rd through the 7th as National French Week.

Local teen polishes leadership skills in nation's capital

Mr. David Vognar of Oak Lawn recently attended the National Young Leaders Conference from October 14 to 19, 2003 in Washington, D.C. This unique leadership development program invites high school students—based on scholastic merit, community involvement and leadership contributions—to interact with today's leaders. NYLC scholars work through many issues facing our country today in a series of simulations and meet face-to-face with members of the U.S. Congress or their staff as well as other influential personalities.

"By participating in the National Young Leaders Conference, students like David Vognar will become better equipped to address the challenges facing communities around the world," said Mike Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC), the organization that sponsors NYLC. "Rarely does someone so young come to our nation's capital to interact with today's elected officials, presidential appointees and nationally recognized opinion makers. This program offers young leaders Washington, D.C. as their classroom."

U.S. Representative J. Gresham Barrett of South Carolina welcomed Vognar and his fellow students to the floor of the House of Representatives, an honor usually reserved for members of Congress and their special guests. The students filled the chamber where the State of the Union Address takes place. Barrett told the students, "I have always considered myself a small town guy . . . but if I can stand here as a member of the U.S. Congress, each of you can do the same and help secure a bright future for our country."

Vognar also had the opportunity to meet with Representative William O. Lipinski, who discussed with Vognar the President's request for $87 billion in aid to Iraq and federal programs like the No Child Left Behind Act.

Although Senator Richard Durbin was busy in Senate Judiciary Committee meetings, Vognar met with Durbin aides, who described the Senator's rise to political office after 3 stunning defeats. Aides also described Durbin's position on the key issues facing Illinois and the nation today.

Because leadership goes beyond what happens on Capitol Hill, Vognar had the opportunity to interact with a panel of renowned journalists from Washington's press corps, including Tom Buhrow (German Public Television), Ceci Connolly (The Washington Post), Jennifer Ludden (National Public Radio) and the Chicago Tribune's own Clarence Page. In an open forum discussion segment, Vognar's question—regarding the press balancing first amendment rights and their informants' privacy—greatly engaged the panel and started some serious discussion.

The program Vognar took part in is a nonprofit, nonpartisan leadership education organization. Founded in 1985, the CYLC is committed to fostering and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential. More than 400 members in the U.S. Congress join this commitment by serving on the CYLC Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors.

In addition, more than 40 embassies participate in the Council's Honorary Board of Embassies. Vognar's nomination to the program, furnished by Oak Lawn Community High School, was based on his academic excellence, his strong leadership contributions and his continuing community involvement.

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Veterans Day Ceremony held

Congressman Bill Lipinski will hold a Veterans Day Ceremony, Wednesday November 11. The men and women of the Armed Forces will be honored. The event will begin at 11:00am at the triangle-shaped park located at Archer and Narragansett Avenue, Chicago. The part will be re-dedicated as American Eagle Place.

New signage and monuments will be unveiled. Local residents are invited and encouraged to attend the event. For further information call 773-582-7323.

U.S. Military News

Army National Guard Pvt. Paul D. Blatt has graduated from the multi-channel transmissions systems operator-maintainer course at Fort Gordon, Augusta, Ga.

Blatt is the son of Debra Blatt of W. Rose St. Glenwood, Il. and David Blatt of W. 95th Ave. Oak Lawn. Paul received instructions in electron countermeasures, signal operating instructions, radio and multiplexing equipment, antennas and power generating equipment. Blatt is a 1999 graduate of Bremen High

Marine Corps Pvt. Jason T. Kolk, son of Maureen and Harry Kilk of Oak Lawn, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Kolk and fellow recruits began his training at 5 am, by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical condition program, Hurley spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Kolk and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values--honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean personally and in professional conduct.

Kolk and fellow recruits ended the training phase with a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony where he was presented the Marine Corps Emblem and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in his careers.

Kolk is a 1998 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School, of Oak Lawn.

Come Celebrate the birthday of the Marine Corp

The Marine corps League, Burbank Detachment #076 would like to invite all Marine and Veterans to come and celebrate the 228th birthday of the United States Marine corps. On Saturday, November 8th.

The cost is $40 per person, which includes a sit down dinner, live band, and an open bar from 6:30 pm til 11:00 pm except for the dinner hour.

For more information, write to the Burbank Detachment #072, Jr. Vice Commandant, P.O. Box 777, Worth, IL 60482-0777 or call 773 / 585-9629 after 6 pm and ask for C.L.

"Once a Marine, alway a Marine."

See our tribute to veterans on page 11

Pictured from the left is President of the Southwest Conference of Mayors and Mayor of Palos Hills, Jerry Bennett; MWRD Chairman of Finance, Gloria Alitto Majewski,; MWRD Vice President, Kathleen Therese Meany; President of Bedford Park, Ronald R. Robinson; and Village of Worth President, Ed Guzdziol.

Hazardous Waste Disposal Day a sucess

The Household Hazardous Waste Disposal day held on Saturday, Oct. 11 at Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park, was deemed a huge success according to the co-sponsors, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and the Southwest Conference of Mayors.

An estimated 1,400 residents, representing 1,700 household, participated in the event designed to allow proper disposal of waste items such as anti-freeze, drain cleaners, fungicides, solvents, etc.

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity
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ANSWERED PRAYER

Prayer changes things. Just ask the Schindlers, parents of comatose patient Terri Schiavo. Terri has been in a coma since she collapsed, 13 years ago, leaving her in a vegatative state. Her parents have always believed there were mysterious causes. For instance, they wonder why her husband ordered her medical records sealed. He has also denied her the therapy her parents, and some doctors, are convinced would provide her with a better quality of life.

It has been a heartwrenching story to watch unfold on the news. The husband recently won the right to end his wife's life by disconnecting her feeding tube. He wants her to die, saying that she wouldn't want to live this way. Her parents beg to differ.

Terri is seen on TV responding to her father's touch; she smiles as he whispers lovingly in her ear. Her eyes follow a balloon her mother slowly waves in front of her.

Doctors have stated that these are mere reflexes and that she is brain dead. It makes you wonder how they can steadfastly stand by those statements , especially when there are proven cases of people re-emerging from their prison of paralyzed physiology.

Though these patients' physical bodies may be forever confined to wheel chairs, they regain minds that are free to think, they feel with hearts that are open and aware of giving and receiving love. They openly speak of the gratitude felt for family who perservered in keeping them alive.

Mr. Schiavo insists his wife would never want to be kept alive in an unnatural way. That's understandable. But Terri is not being kept alive artifically. There are no machines breathing for her. There is no technical support keeping her heart beating. She is receiving nutritional support, a feeding tube sustains her.

It's been reported that her husband is living with another woman, even has chidren with her. Since his wife's illness, things have changed—his life has gone on.

What hasn't changed, in all these years, is the unconditional love two parents have for their child. All they ever wanted was to care for their daughter and bring her comfort and joy. They want nothing from their son-in-law, just the right to protect their daughter from harm. But this guy is hell bent on doing what he says is the 'right' thing.

Originally a judge agreed with him and ordered the feeding tubes discontinued so Terri could die. For Mr. Schiavo it would mean the burden of his marital responsibility would also come to an end. With a death sentence ordered for Terri it seemed as though her detached husband had won. As the parents braced themselves for the nightmare of watching their child literally starve to death, a miracle happened.

Gov. Jeb Bush intervened and, with the feeding tubes reinserted, Terri's right to live was restored.

Legally a spouse maintains all rights when decisions involve a husband or wife who cannot speak for themselves and, most of the time, rightfully so.

But, when a husband makes a new life for himself and when former wedding vows have forever lost their meaning — the absolute 'right' thing to do would be to give the parents a voice for their beloved offspring who cannot speak for herself.

If this man is doing what his wife wanted, why would he emotionally abuse her parents by banning them from being by her side? He is not giving up on using his marital status to end this woman's life.

Terri's parents are fighting equally as hard to do what they think is in the best interest of the child that was born to them.

Nobody deserves to die the slow, painful death of starvation. For the Schindler family prayers have not gone unheard.

Prayer changes things. In this case it may only be for a few days or weeks. But for a grateful mother and father, the gift of time for their dependent daughter is all that really matters. In her name they will continue their struggle - praying for her survival.

Chicago Ridge Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff Babcock gave a demonstration to neighborhood children in the "Smokehouse" Fire Safety Trailer parked on the grounds of Lexington Health Care Center during the Center's 2003 Outdoor Festival.

"Breathing is easier near the floor," explains Babcock. That point was clearly demonstrated as Firefighter Babcock was engulfed by - and quickly and totally disappeared in dense clouds of smoke. (Photos by Dee Dunheim)

Now you see him - Now you don't

The Chicago Ridge Fire Department's demonstration was part of the 2003 Autumn Festival hosted on the grounds of Lexington Health Care Center to help inform the Village's citizens of the dangers of fire

and smoke. "We welcome the Health Care Center's staff and residents' family members to these events and look forward to the neighborhood kids coming on board," says Randall Grossi, Chief of the Department.

"The Chicago Ridge Fire Safety Coloring books that Chief Grossi distributes are a hit with the kids in the Village," says Lexington's administrator Marichu Bueno. "It's such a great service and we're

thrilled when the Chief and his firefighter/paramedics accept our invitation to set up their education program on our grounds.

Throughout the upcoming holiday season," says Chief Grossi, "we welcome the opportunity to provide information for the children and hope it may be instrumental in averting needless tragedies by pointing out many sources of danger." Anyone in Chicago Ridge who would like to receive Coloring Books for their church, school or youth group are invited to call him at The Chicago Ridge Fire Department at 708-857-4456.

Catholic Charities holds Toy Shower

Catholic Charities of Chicago will kick-off its month-long 56th Annual " Toy Shower Season" for the children its services on Friday November 14, 2003. More than 17,000 children who are clients or children of clients need gifts. The massive gift-gathering ends on December 19.

New, unwrapped gifts of toys for infants, children and teens from birth through 18 years of age may be dropped off at Catholic Charities at 659 W. Randolph St. (Chicago). For further information call the Toy Shower Hotline at 312-655-7174 or visit the web at www.toyshower.org.

Christmas bazaar and bake sale

On Saturday, November 22nd, St. Peter and St. Paul Lutheran Church, 13153 Greenwood Ave., Blue Island, will hold its Christmas bazaar and bake sale from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be a largeselection of christmas items, and bakery goods. Lunch is available.

Evergreen Park Historical Commission seeks volunteers

The first meeting of the Evergreen Park Historical Commission established four working committees which are actively seeking volunteers from among residents and business persons to assist in meeting goals.

The goals set forth are: 1. Site Preservation /Landmark designation. 2. Creation of Historical Museum/Archives. 3. Written History Evergreen Park 4. Seek Funding and grants for commission and village historical significance.

Committees established are: Preservation/landmark, Museum/archives, Historical book and Fundraising/development. Evergreen Park residents interested can pick up a form at the Village Hall and return by December 1, 2003.

Job information at Acorn Library

Oak Forest library presents a seminar "How to get the job you really want" on Saturday, November 22, 2003. The time is 9-12 noon. Library is 15624 S. Central Avenue. Phone 707-687-3700 to sign up or stop at the circulation desk.

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***If you plan to refinance soon to use your equity for remodeling**

***If you haven't put quite enough money on your new home to eliminate mortgage insurance, but you believe the appreciation on your new home will allow you to eliminate it very soon.**

***If your job requires frequent relocations to new areas.**

If none situations of these fit you, the lowest rate will cost you much more than a traditional home loan. If any of the situations do apply to you, please call for a free analysis to help you make a wise decision.

Testimonial Night for Aglow

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow will meet on Thursday. Nov. 13th at the Burbank Manor Church. 7950 S. Central Ave. burbank. (rear parking lot entrance, downstairs)

November is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. so it's appropriate for us to share stories of some of god's blessings at this meeting.

Discover the wonderful blessings that were received. because God answers prayers in many different ways. This is an evening to be uplifted, comforted and reassured.

Bring a friend and share this time of renewal and wonder.

Dinner tickets are $12.50, available at 6:30 pm at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7:00 pm For reservations and/or additional information, please call Josephine at (773) 767-8031 or June at (708) 424-1656.

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Arts & Craft Fairs

The Presbuterian Church in Orland Park, 13401 S. Wolf Road, Orland Park, will hold its annual arts & crafts fair on Saturday, November 8th from 9 am to 4 pm.

Admission is free. There will be over 60 crafter, a luncheon. bake sale and raffle prizes.

Call 708 448-8142 for more information.

Trinity Lutheran Church. 9701 S. Brandt will hold its annual craft fair on Saturday. Nov. 8 from 9 am to 3 pm.

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***Water Signs**: It is time to think about getting rid of things you no longer need and find ways to cut down on indebtedness too. Finish up this year in the plus columns and you will be happier, healthier and feel more like getting back to Nature…again, Love is good, health improves and your emotional levels are more controllable. Old friends return and J…L and R are all involved with good tidings. A real break comes your way in regards to your job or career.

***Earth Signs**: If you didn't know it's November you would swear it is Christmas and all that makes one happy is on your "plate." D and T and someone in the signs of Gemini and Virgo are sure to help make this month much better for you, and all you need to do is ask. Drink more water, and take B vitamins and you should improve your health. And one more thing, start a new savings plan and stick to it. Okay now, get ready, get set and get on with it!

***Fire Signs**: You could end up spending big money on things you know you need to spend for, like work tools! Still, the month is not too bad considering you are busy preparing for the Holidays. Someone you may have been at "odds" with returns with an apology (wanting to get back into your good graces). Be gracious and be forgiving. D and C and someone K are involved.

***Air Signs**: Job mergers and other career-related concerns to think about this month. Apparently some of you will be job hunting soon after New Year's so be forewarned. If you can do anything to protect your job by doing "a little more than expected," do it! R and P seem to be of help to you and a relative might want to move in with you for a time. So, this month and next should find you unusually busy and developing new ideas on how to cope with life's trials and tribulations. What you resist persists…so go with the flow.

NOTE: **Have a *Personal Psychic Service* "One-on-One" with me at The Baymont Inn/Alsip, or by phone, or in your home or office. These are taped for your later recall. Hypnotherapy and Counseling also available. *House Parties* can be for 3 to 9 guests…it's really special, and a good party idea for this Holiday Season. I also provide for a group of 15 to 20 [call Alyn]. And I'm available as a Guest Speaker for your Club or Organization.**

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MINI-SESSIONS with me are available at Willoughby's Restaurant [122nd & Harlem] on Nov. 5th & 19th and Oak Forest Bowl [152nd & S. Cicero] on Nov. 3rd & 17th, all starting at 7PM. By appt/walk in's Welcome. Call my office at 708-597-5866 or 597-6721. Send for a Free Brochure of my Services at P.O. Box 802, Oak Lawn, IL 60454 or call 708-597-5866 or 6721. *Num*Astrology Profiles reduced to $9.95 for the Holidays [+$3 S&H]. You can also go to my websites for more: *TheDailyPsychic.Com* and *JackiMari.Com* and *Sherlockjacki.com.*

Jacki Mari [Sherlockjacki]

Medical information

Orland Senior Week schedule continues

Full schedule of events follows.....
Mon., Nov. 10, through Fri., Nov. 14, - 8 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
•Events with program numbers require pre-registration

Mon., Nov. 10th:
8am-11am, Blood Pressure Screening ~ Fitness Center; 9am- Bagel Breakfast ~ Sportsplex Lobby; 9am-2pm. Health & Spinal Screening Weight Analysis (#36080) ~ Sportsplex Lobby; 10am-•Shuffleboard Team Competition (#36081) ~ Gym; 10am-12pm. Trigger Point Massage ~ Lobby: 11am-11:20am. •Stretching Session (#36082) ~ Aerobic Studio: 11am-11:45am. Walking Club (#36083) ~ Sportsplex Track: 1:30pm-2:15pm. •Senior Yoga Class (#36084) ~ Aerobic Studio: 2:15pm-3:15pm. •Overcoming Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Presentation (#36085) ~ Aerobic Studio

Tues., Nov. 11th:
7:45am-8:25am, •Seniorcize (#36086) ~ Aerobic Studio; 8am-11am, Blood Pressure Screenings~ Fitness Center; 9am-12pm, Flu/Tetanus Shots-$10 fee (65 & Older Free) ~ Lobby; 9am-12pm, •Total Cholesterol Testing (#36090) $10 fee (12 hour fast required); 9am-12pm, Basic Cholesterol & Blood Sugar Screening-Free ~Lobby; 10am- •Bocce Ball Tournament(#36087) ~ Soccer Field 10:45-Mini Sandwich Snack ~ Lobby; 11am-11:45am, •Walking Club (#36089) ~ Sportsplex Track; 11:30am-12:30pm. •Grandparent/Parent/Tot Yoga (#36088) ~ Aerobic Studio; 12pm- •Basketball Competition (#36091) ~ Gym; 12:30pm-1pm. Back Care for Seniors~ Aerobic Studio; 1pm-2pm. •Add Life to Your Years (#36092)~ Sportsplex Lobby

Wed., Nov 12th:
8am-10am. •Chair Massage & Evaluations (#36105) ~ Sportsplex Lobby: 8am-11am, Blood Pressure Screenings ~ Fitness Center: 8am-3pm. Open Golf Cages~ Soccer Field: 9am-Bagel Breakfast ~ Lobby; 9am-1pm. Sertoma Hearing Testing ~ Parking Lot: 10am-12pm. Open Climbing ~ The Rock; 10am-12pm. Trigger Point Massage ~ Lobby: 11am-11:45am, •Walking Club (#36095)~ Sportsplex Track; 11:30-12pm. •Stretching Session (#36094)~ Fitness Center; 12pm-12:45pm. •Intro to Senior Weight Training (#36096) ~ Aerobic Studio; 1pm- •Putting Contest (#36130)~Soccer Field; 1pm-3pm, Blood Pressure Screening & Info on Home Health Care~ Lobby

Thurs., Nov 13th:
7:45am-8:25am, •Seniorcize (#36097)~ Aerobic Room; 8am-11am, Blood Pressure Screening~ Fitness Center; 9am-1pm, •Shoulder Screening (#36099)~ Lobby; 10am- Village of Orland Park Trip Information & Slide Show~ Sportsplex Lobby; 10:30am-11am, •Senior Strength Training (#36106) ~ Gym; 11am-Mini Sandwich Snack ~ Lobby; 11am-11:45am, •Walking Club (#36098)~ Sportsplex Track; 12pm-3pm. •Osteoporosis Screening (#36230) ~ Lobby; 1pm- •Nutrition & Exercise Needs for Seniors Presentation (#36100)~ Aerobic Studio: 2pm-3pm. Shoe Clinic & Presentation (#36107) ~ Lobby

Fri., Nov. 14th:
8am-11am. Blood Pressure Screening~ Fitness Center: 9am- Bagel Breakfast ~ Lobby: 9am-2pm. Trip Information from Orland Square Travel ~ Lobby: 9am- •Diabetes Prevention Presentation (#36280)~ Lobby: 11am-11:45am. •Walking Club (#36101)~ Sportsplex Track: 11am-11:45am. •Sample Arthritis Class (#36131) ~ Gym; 11am-3pm. •Chair Massage (#36102)~ Lobby; 12pm-1pm. Reverse Mortgage Workshop ~ Lobby; 1pm-2pm. •Country Line Dancing (#36103)~ Aerobic Studio; 2pm-2:45pm, •Women's Heart Advantage Presentation (#36104) ~ Aerobic Studio

Moraine Valley hosts Chinese

Moraine Valley will host a group of Chinese government and hospital officials as they visit the Chicago-land area to review American medical programs and practices in respiratory therapy. In addition they will have discussions contemporary issues with students enrolled in the program and time permitting visit Northwestern Memorial Hospital to observe medical practices and understand how hospitals may benefit from Allied Health program graduates.

For further information about the medical delegation call Ray Lehner at 708-974-5381.

Kellie Greene speaks at YWCA on Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

The YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago is holding a Moving Past Trauma- PTSD Community Outreach Program on Wed., Nov. 19, at St. James Community Health Center - North. (across the street from the main entrance of the hospital) Sister Stephanie Center, 30 East 15th Street, Chicago Heights.

This program is designed to increase awareness of the signs and symptoms of PTSD, provide educational tools and information to frontline professionals, encourage those who may be suffering to seek the help they need, and promote understanding that PTSD is a treatable medical condition.

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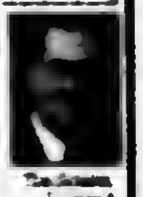

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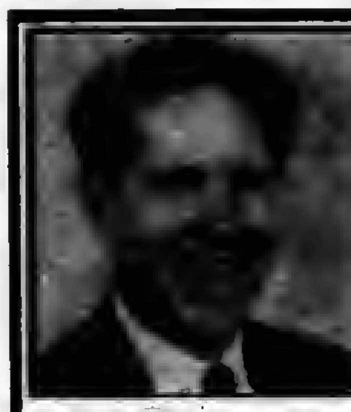

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Evergreen Park Educator Honored

The 3M Innovative Economic Educator Award for 2003 has been presented to Christine Dewey from Southeast Elementary School in Evergreen Park, Il. Ms. Dewey received first place in the Primary division for a creative unit that teaches basic economic concepts to first grade students. The Illinois Council on Economic Education (ICEE) and 3M sponsored the program.

The award was presented at a luncheon at the Union League Club. A cash award and plaque were provided for the accomplishment.

ICEE provides professional development programs for K-12 teachers, curriculum consulting and student programs to enhance economic understanding.

Pictured here, the new Preschool class is primed and ready for learning at St. Louis de Montfort School Featured also in back, from left to right are staff members Lori Hill, Principal Holly Gross and Debbie Keating.

St. Louis de Montfort undergoes major transformation

At the October meeting of the St. Louis de Montfort School Board, Principal Holly Gross detailed a major transformation, now in place at the elementary school, located at 8840 S. Ridgeland.

The campaign for school development, know as "Dare to Dream!" was a three-phase initiative begun in September of 2002. To date, the school has implemented a new Spanish program, and Art curriculum, a complete renovation of the existing computer lab, the creation of a new Resource Center and a collaborative effort with Hemlock Federal Bank for Savings to institute a Bank-at-School program for students of the school.

The creation of a multi-age Preschool includes a comprehensive Early Childhood curriculum and weekly instruction in Spanish. Music, art and Physical Education for students age 3 and 4. A new Kid's Club Extended Day program rounds out the school's fast track to progress by offering before and after care services for students of the school.

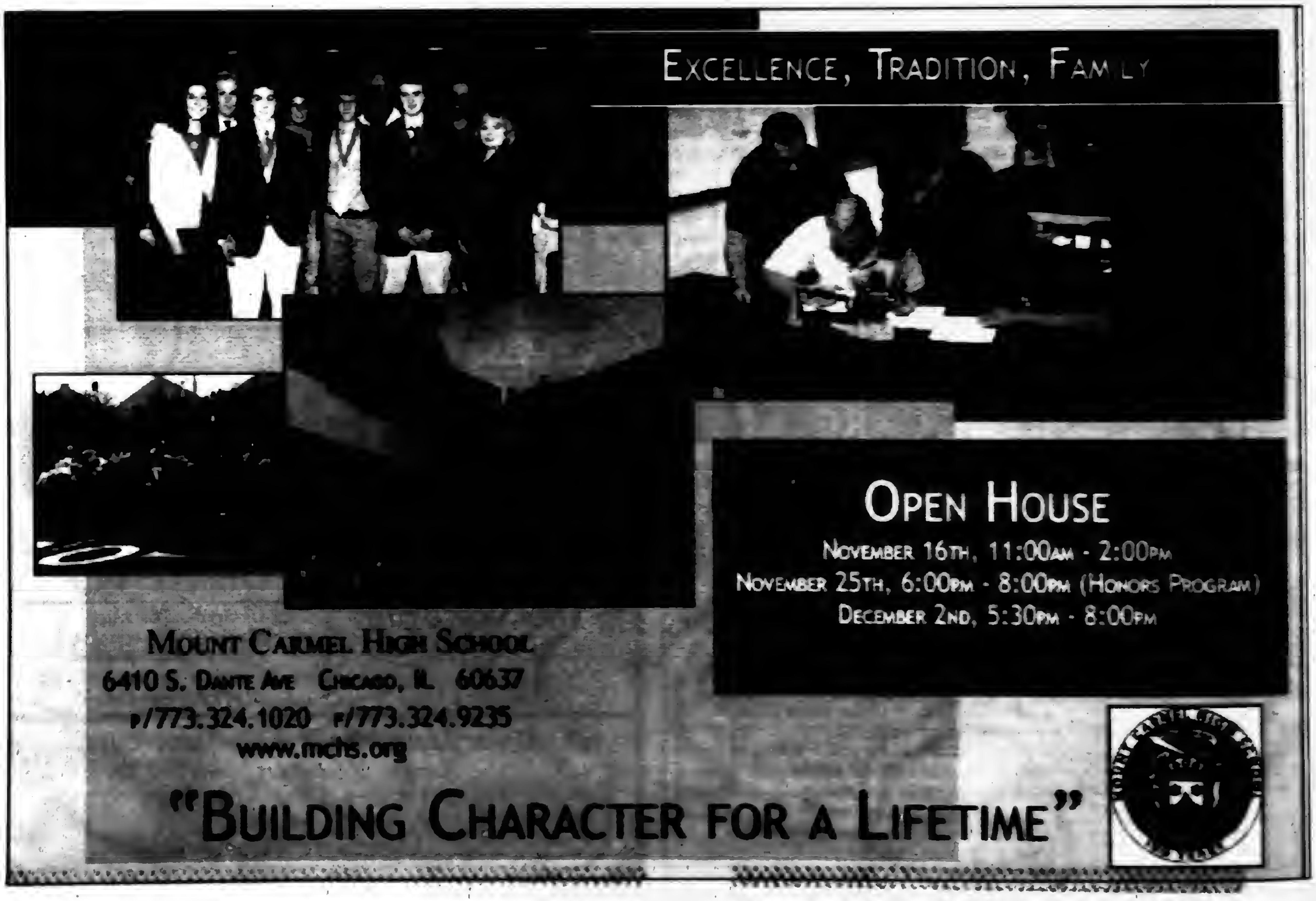
Interest parents who wish to schedule a tour of the school should contact Maureen Grant at 708 / 599-5781, extension 10.

Mother McAuley has Country Fair

Mother McAuley Mothers Club is sponsoring a Country Fair on November 8 and 9 from 10 am to 4 pm. Over 100 exhibitors, featuring a variety of beautiful craft items, will be at the school, 3737 W 99th St., Chicago. This year's chairpersons are Gloria Vopinek (Oak Lawn) and Mary Ann Funkey (Orland Park) Refreshments will be avialable for purchase. Admission is $2/ No strollers please.

ACT test registration deadline

The deadline to register to take the ACT test for college admissions is Friday, Nov. 7 Students can get info at www.act.org or from their school counselor.



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63 New science fair projects at the touch of a button

It's that time again. Millions of students in grades 2 through 10, and their parents, are restlessly searching for the solution to one of the biggest problems of the day: where to find an interesting, award-winning science fair project, a project that the student will enjoy doing and that gives them all of the help they need to complete the assignment and be proud of the effort.

The problem is that so many projects do not follow the required scientific method, and most students have no knowledge of the judge's criteria for excellence.

This enigma is being happily resolved by tens of thousands of students who have discovered a science fair project website www.science-fair-projects-online.com.

Over sixty different projects are available. The student may review each project, decide which one or more he or she wants, and print it out in just a few minutes.

Each project contains 13 pages of step-by-step blueprints, suggested materials, important tips and much more. The scientific method is carefully explained and a mini case history reveals how it is done.

Background information is provided, as well as a suggested hypothesis, procedures, sample charts and diagrams.

The projects were developed by award-winning science teachers and by specialists in graphic arts and communications.

The entire family gets involved in science projects, not only the student. In many households, it's the first time that mom and dad, as well as older brothers and sisters, can get involved with young students' activities, support the effort, and cheer them on.

A parent emailed "Hi, we got third place in the science fair contest last week at my daughter's school. Thanks for the help and the great science fair website. I will contact you next year to do it again."

A sixth grade student in Princeton NJ wrote "Yay, my wind generator project really worked and lit up a light bulb. I got first place."

Projects are available in chemistry, biology, earth science, social science, environmental science and many more. They are of different degrees of difficulty to satisfy students in grades 2 to 10.

The projects are fascinating. One project asks "Does music affect plant growth?" Another questions "Do boys or girls need more personal space?" Other projects include making telegraphs, perfume, flying saucers, and kaleidoscopes. The affect of caffeine on blood pressure, and growing plants without soil are other topics.

To learn about these science fair projects visit www.science-fair-projects-online.com.

Marist H.S. to host boys basketball camp

The Marist High School Boy's Basketball Program will host its 3rd Annual Fall Offensive Skills Camp Sunday, October 26 Tuesday, October 28, 2003. The session for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students will run from 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. The 7th and 8th grade session will be 8:00 p.m. 9:30 p.m. The cost for either session is $40, which includes a tee shirt and quality instruction from the Marist Basketball staff and players. For information, please contact head coach Gene Nolan at 773-881-6360 x5306.

Students selected for District Band and Chorus

Mr Keith Anderson, Hillcrest High School Band Director, announced today that three Hillcrest students have been selected to participate in the IMEA District Band Chorus 2003.

They are: Ashley Logan, from Country Club Hills, Baritone Saxophone - Band; Bobby Cooks, from Country Club Hills, Bass 1 - Choir; Christine Imarenezor, from Hazel Crest, Alto 1 - Choir.

These students auditioned at Sandburg High School on October 15, and were subsequently selected by the IMEA District 1 Senior Level Committee.

Mr. Anderson congratulated the students.

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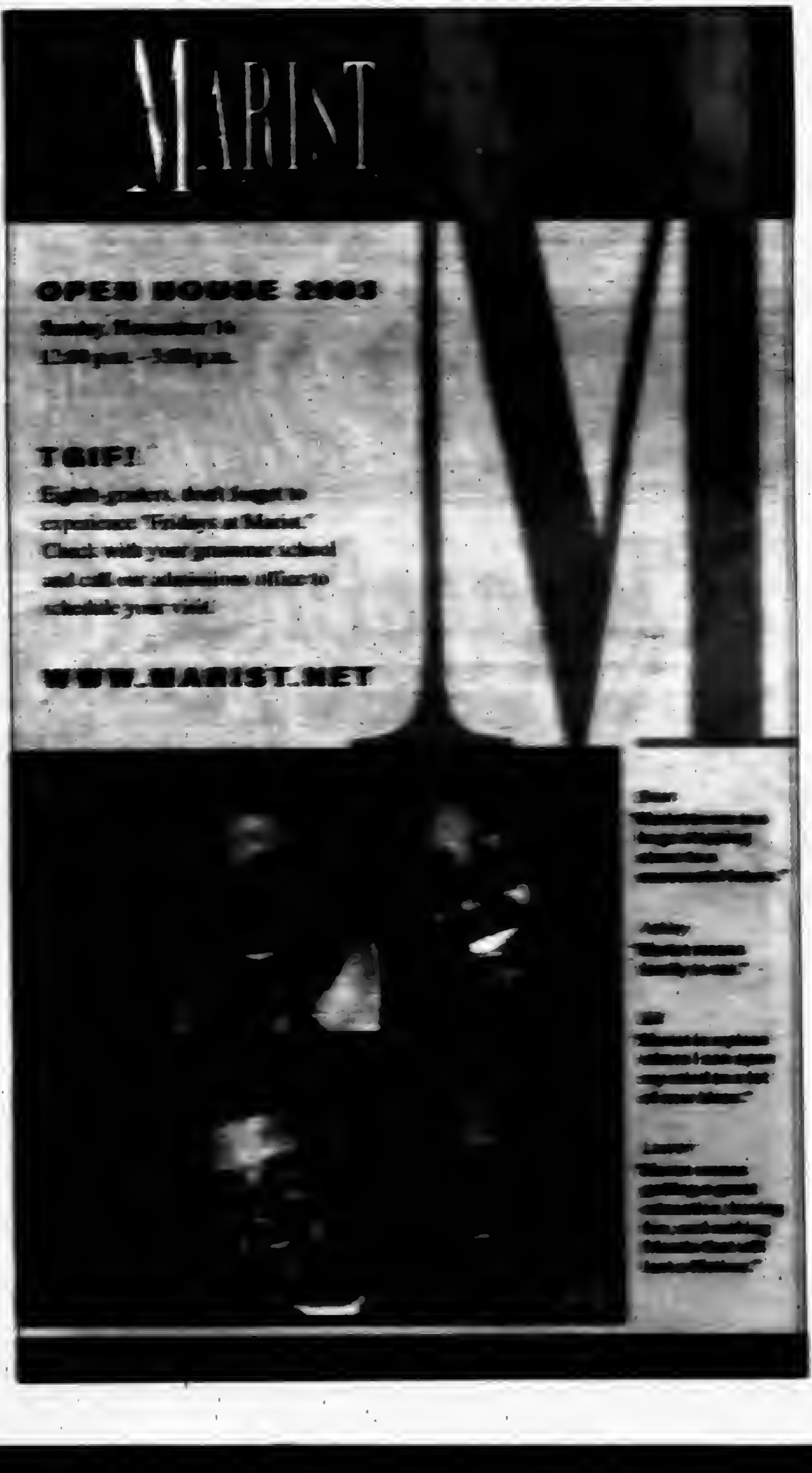
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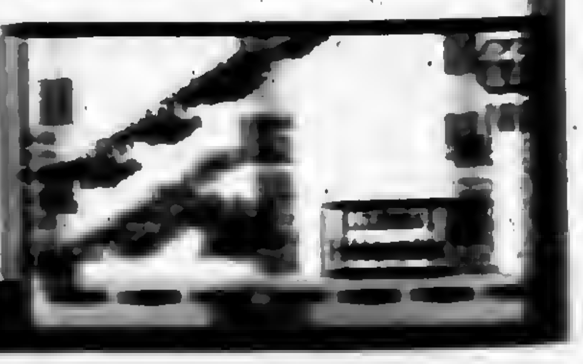

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Patrick Sweeney authors web books

Patrick Sweeney, son of Thomas Sweeney [illegible] Oak Lawn [illegible]

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The titles of his books, which are now available are: Kids, [illegible] and Licenses, [illegible] Panel, [illegible]

Their Home [illegible] memory is [illegible] O'Connor [illegible] Democrat on the South [illegible] of Chicago [illegible]

OL Church holds Two Penny Social

The Oak Lawn Community [illegible] Church, [illegible] 9000 [illegible] Ridgeland [illegible] Oak Lawn, will hold their Annual Two Penny [illegible]

Letter to the editor

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[illegible] Businesses will listen.

[illegible] Robert [illegible]

St. Paul holds home product fair

Come shop at the Home Product Fair on Saturday, November [illegible] from [illegible] will be held at St. Paul Lutheran School, [illegible] 95th Street, Oak Lawn, just east of the Hilton Hotel.

This is the ideal opportunity to see and buy home products on display all in one place from well-known companies such as [illegible] Pampered Chef, Artistic Impressions, Avon, [illegible] Memories, [illegible] Tupperware, Discovery Toys, [illegible] Perfect [illegible] anniversary, wedding or baby shower [illegible] Christmas shopping.

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Holiday Entertaining

Clockwise from top: Cream Puffs With Candied Fruit, Apple-Cranberry Salad With Baby Greens, Grilled Beef Tenderloin Crostini With Pimiento and Chipotle Pesto, Spicy Pimiento Sauce and Smoky Shrimp and Crab Dip

Your holiday entertaining season has begun. You're making your list and checking it twice. Your home has taken on a festive look. Invitations have been sent. And now you're planning your menu. How can you offer the comfort and joy of the season to your family and friends without spending days in the kitchen? With more of us pressed for time, but desiring more sophisticated fare when we entertain, the concept of "semi-homemade" is more and more appealing. No wonder it's the biggest culinary trend of the decade.

With a few big-flavor ingredients, restaurant-quality prepared foods (fresh and frozen) and fabulous recipes that use ready-made products, you can indulge your holiday guests and give yourself the precious gift of time.

Great condiments, available at the grocery store, can really streamline food preparation and enhance the color and flavor of any dish. One must-have ingredient is a jar of pimientos — basically, a sweeter, milder version of a bell pepper — a delicious timesaver. Pimientos make appetizers, salads, main courses and sauces zing with color and flavor. Another great ingredient is the new Tabasco chipotle pepper sauce, made from smoked red jalapeño peppers — with its perfect balance of heat and smoky flavor you can shake or pour it on to enhance the flavor of your favorite foods. Combine the two for festive Pimiento and Chipotle Pesto or Spicy Pimiento Sauce — both are delicious as spreads for appetizers or as sauces to accompany roasted or grilled foods.

Another timesaving tip for an elegant holiday gathering is to have on hand great prepared foods in the refrigerator or freezer. Then, add your own special touches. Make a frozen shrimp and crab parmesan dip or a prepackaged baked artichoke dip your own — by stirring in pimientos and Tabasco chipotle pepper sauce. Give a contemporary twist to classic beef tenderloin by serving Grilled Beef Tenderloin Crostini With Pimiento and Chipotle Pesto. And for dessert, save hours in the kitchen by filling fancy cream puffs (from your freezer) with candied fruits, nuts and chocolate.

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1 (4-ounce) jar diced pimientos, drained
1/4 cup Tabasco Chipotle Pepper Sauce
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley or chives
Assorted crackers and/or vegetable dippers

Combine dip, pimientos, chipotle sauce and parsley in bowl and stir gently until blended. Spoon into shallow 2-quart casserole dish and bake in 350° F oven 15 to 20 minutes or until shrimp are opaque and dip is light golden brown on top. Serve hot with crackers and/or vegetables.

Spicy Pimiento Sauce

Makes about 3 cups.

2 (4-ounce) jars diced pimientos, drained
1/4 cup Tabasco Chipotle Pepper Sauce
2 cups mayonnaise

Drain pimientos and place on paper towels to blot additional moisture. Place pimientos in food processor or blender with mayonnaise and chipotle sauce; process until smooth. Serve with Beef Tenderloin.

Apple-Cranberry Salad With Baby Greens

Makes 12 servings.

Balsamic Vinaigrette (recipe follows)
6 Crisp, sweet apples, Fuji, Gala or Granny Smith (about 2 pounds)
2 cups chopped celery
1 cup sweetened dried cranberries
1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
2 (4-ounce) jars sliced pimientos, drained
2 (5-ounce) packages mixed baby greens
1 1/2 cups (6 ounces) crumbled feta cheese

Prepare vinaigrette and set aside. Peel apples, if desired, and cut into 1/2-inch cubes. Place in bowl with celery and cranberries; drizzle with about 3/4 cup vinaigrette and toss well. Cover and refrigerate until serving time.

When ready to serve, stir walnuts and pimientos into apple mixture. Place salad greens in another bowl. Whisk remaining vinaigrette until well blended and drizzle desired amount over greens; toss gently. Arrange greens on platter or individual salad plates and top with apple-cranberry mixture. Sprinkle feta cheese over top.

Balsamic Vinaigrette

Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
2 teaspoons sugar
1 cup olive oil
1/4 cup Tabasco Chipotle Pepper Sauce
1/4 teaspoon salt

Combine vinegar, chipotle sauce, sugar and salt in small bowl and stir until sugar dissolves. Gradually whisk in olive oil and blend well.

Grilled Beef Tenderloin Crostini With Pimiento and Chipotle Pesto

Makes a great appetizer served hot or cold. Makes 1 serving.

For each appetizer:

1 (1/4-inch) thick sliced French baguette Olive oil
1 teaspoon Pimiento and Chipotle Pesto (recipe follows)
1 ounce Thinly Sliced Omaha Steaks Grilled Beef Tenderloin
1/2 teaspoon whipped cream cheese
2 to 3 diced pimientos to garnish
1/4 teaspoon fresh chopped chives to garnish

Lightly brush slice of bread with olive oil. Place on baking sheet under broiler until lightly toasted. Spread slice with Pimiento and Chipotle Pesto. Place grilled beef tenderloin on top. Put dollop of whipped cream cheese on steak or pipe on from a pastry bag. Garnish with diced pimientos and chopped chives.

Pimiento and Chipotle Pesto

Makes about 2 cups.

2 (4-ounce) jars diced pimientos, drained
1/4 cup garlic cloves, peeled
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1 tablespoon Tabasco Chipotle Pepper Sauce
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 cup pine nuts, toasted
1/2 cup olive oil

Combine all ingredients except olive oil in food processor or blender and puree until smooth. Add oil slowly in thin stream with food processor running until pesto is well combined. Refrigerate until ready to use.

Cream Puffs With Candied Fruit

Makes 36 small cream puffs.

1/3 cup chopped candied orange peel
2 tablespoons chopped candied cherries
1/3 cup chopped pista-chios or almonds
1/3 cup chopped semi-sweet chocolate
2 (18-ounce) boxes Omaha Steaks frozen Cream Puffs (18 per box), thawed

Combine candied fruit, nuts and chocolate in small bowl. Shortly before serving time, cut off tops from cream puffs and set aside. Spoon teaspoon of candied fruit mixture on filling of each cream puff and replace tops. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to serve.

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Tinley Park Library announces programs

World Travelers

Pack your bags, and don't forget your library passport for the World Travelers River Cruise Through Europe, presented by Rudy Unger, Thursday, November 6 at 7:00 pm at the Tinley Park Public Library, 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Registration begins Monday, October 27 in person or by phoning 532-0160 ext. 4. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Tinley Tomes

The afternoon session of the Tinley Park Public

Library adult book discussion group will meet Wednesday, November 12 at 1:30 pm to discuss To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf. No registration required. Books are available at the reference desk one month prior to discussion date. Phone 532-0160 ext. 2 for info. Audio and large print versions available upon request. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

On the Spot Theatre

The Youth Services Department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grades 6 - 12 who enjoy performing to let the library be their stage at On the Spot Theatre Monday, November 10 from 6:30 - 8:00. A musical, drama, or comedy will be performed on the spot. No lines to memorize and no auditions will be held. Registration begins October 27. For additional information, phone the library at 532-0160 ext. 125. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

The Tinley Park Public Library is sponsoring a Holiday Gift Faire Saturday, November 8 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm and Sunday, November 9 from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Select something special for the loved ones on your shopping list from the following vendors: At Home America, Avon, Country Bunny Bath & Body, Creative Memories, Home & Garden Party, Homemade Gourmet, JS Home Style, Lady Remington, Longaberger, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, PartyLite, Tastefully Simple, Tupperware, and Weekenders. For more info, phone 532-0160 ext. 4. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

The Grace Notes Tinley Park, IL – October 13, 2003 – Spend a relaxing afternoon listening to flute music provided by the talented Grace Notes Flute Quartet at the Tinley Park Public Library Sunday, November 2 at 2:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. Registration begins Wednesday, October 22 in person or by phoning 532-0160 ext. 4. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Cub Receipts for Tinley Park Public Library Tinley Park, IL – October 13, 2003 – Shop and Cub Foods and help the library. The Friends of the Tinley Park Public Library will receive a percentage of all food receipts collected from Cub Foods through November 22, 2003. Bring your receipts and place them in the jar located on the upper level circulation desk. Help the Friends help the library. Your support is appreciated. The Tinley Park Public Library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. For additional info, phone 532-0160 ext. 4. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

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More Theater

By Marijo Doody

Gaelic Park Players

Gaelic Park Players will present Frugal Comforts in November on 7,8,9,14,15,16, 21,22 and 23, 2003. Evening performances are Friday and Saturday at 8:00pm. The Sunday performance is at 3:00pm. The play is set in a cheap tenement on a wintry day in 1988 with the dark humor that was common in the era. Tickets are available at 708-687-9323. They are $10.00. Dinner packages are available for $20.00 on Sunday only. Reservations are a must. The actors are local people.

Lyric Opera has just announced that Operathon 2003 raised $310,480 during the 16-hour broadcast on October 18th. This was above budget.

The Center for Performing Arts at Governor State University presents an evening with Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood of "Whose Line is it Anyway?", on November 15 at 8pm at the Center. The actors have had background on Second City, Drew Carey Show, LA Law, The Tonight Show. Sherwood grew up in both Chicago and New Mexico. Show tickets are $35-$44. For ticket information call 708-235-2222.

On November 22, the Chi-Lites and the Delfonics bring classic R&B sound to the center. They created Top 10 R&B hits in the 70's and 80's.

Jim Brickman is in concert at the Chicago Theater Saturday November 29th. His new album Peace is in stores now

Ballet National de Cuba

Halloween weekend was a treat without a trick. The Ballet National of Cuba was at the Auditorium for a limited presentation. They were splendid in the dance program.

The varied program consisted of the true classical Swan Lake Act II and the Black Swan duet. The other part was four men with all the athleticism and skill that male dancers can provide along with a Spanish tale " Blood Wedding".

This tale was expertly danced with Flamenco and the Cuban Tango intertwined. The Swan Lake precision and beauty was a treat to behold. This writer felt that the swans were floating down the river in unison in our west.

Odette Odille rolls were danced on various nights by two different premier ballerinas and were just magnificent.

The negative was that the music tape for the beginning was tinny. It was a great shame that live musicians could not accompany this world famous company. Next to the famed Russian Ballet companies, Ballet Nacional de Cuba was first class.

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Santa Vs.The Snowman 3D at Navy Pier IMA

The Snowman is coming out at the Pier IMAX on November 14. This is the first-ever 3D Animated Holiday feature film. This film is sure to be a holiday classic for many years to come. In addition to being hilarious, the visual effects are stunning, transporting the viewer to the magical world of the Santa's village.

The film combines the unique properties of 3D and digital computer animation with the IMAX experience. The images are projected onto a six story screen at the theater and enhanced by the 12,000 watts of uncompressed digital sound.

The film will run from November 14 through January 4, 2004 at the theater located 700 E. Grand Ave. or Navy Pier. Tickets are $10 for adults, $9 seniors and $8 children. For

Tickets and ShowTime's call the box office 312-595-5629. The web is www.imax.com/chicago. Tickets can be purchased on the web.

Pictured left to right: Ellen Micotto, Dorothy Zmick, George Machay

The Gazebo hits Palos

The Palos Village Players will present "The Gazebo", a comedy by Alec Coppel, at 8:00 on Nov. 14, 15, 21, and 22, and 2:00 on Nov. 16 at the Palos Park Rec Center, 8901 W. 123rd St., Palos Park. Tickets are $12, $10 for students and seniors, and can be reserved by calling 708/479-3262, there is also a $20 brunch/theater package for November 16 performance available through Hackneys' restaurant. Call them at 708/448-8300 for reservations

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Hickory Hills artist performs in Rome, Italy

Soprano, Laura Elizabeth Dixon of Hickory Hills, after winning a competitive national audition, performed the role of Micaela in Bizet's operatic masterpiece, "Carmen", with the Rome Festival Opera in Italy this summer. With instrumentalists, singers, ballet dancers, and graphic artists from nine different countries Ms. Dixon performed major works at a beautiful concert site about 900 meters from the world-famous Colosseum.

Regarding her performances Maestro Fritz Maraffi, Musical Director of the Rome Festival Orchestra and Opera said, "Ms. Dixon upheld the high standard of performing that Italian music lovers, tourists, and critics have come to expect from the Rome Festival."

Ms. Dixon also studied with master artist-teachers as part of the Rome Festival's Summer Institute, which is sponsored by the Rome Festival Orchestra, Ltd., an equal-opportunity American Educational Charity.

Outside the rigorous schedule of rehearsals, performances, and classes Ms. Dixon had time to see the beauty and culture of Rome. Under the guidance of volunteers she walked in the footsteps of the great composers who came to Rome for inspiration.

Ms. Dixon has studied voice for more than eight years most recently with Dr. Susan Clark Manns of Moody Bible Institute. Ms. Dixon has earned a Bachelor of Music degree from the Moody Bible Institute and has performed as a soloist with the Moody Bible Institute Opera and Concert Chorale. Ms. Dixon also has performed as a soloist with the City-Wide Symphony and several local chamber music ensembles. She received support for her expenses of living in Rome from local individual and business donors as well as the Rome Festival Orchestra, Ltd.

Generally newspaper reporters and editors add here quotes from the local artist.

For more information visit web page www.geocities.com/romefestival or email romefestivalpr@yahoo.com

Everyone identifies with "Over The River, Through The Woods"

By Anita Anderson

It's got everything a person would want in a comedy: Drama. The aging of your loved ones, gourmet Italian cooking and precious time with your family and the memories that follow.

"Over the River and Through the Woods", the comedy by Joe DiPietro will enjoy its run at the Mercury Theater, 3745 N. Southport and closing Nov. 30. The two-act comedy/drama should by extended since it so infrequent that theater goers get to see a play with a story line that is true to daily life and minus the curse words.

A stellar, experienced and savvy cast of six actors complete the necessary people whose interpretations of the characters of Nunzio enacted by Vince Viverito: Matt Orlando. Matt: Renee Matthews. Aida: Bernie Landis, Frank: Glory Kissel. Emma and Shana Goodsell as Caitlin.

Four grandparents do their utmost to keep nephew Matt from taking a job out of town.

What develops will make you laugh and bring a tear to your eye.

As Nunzio, Vince Viverito, a Chicagoan, said, "It's a relief to do something I can identify with. We are hoping that by word of mouth our show will be a hit."

Viverito, who is staying with his mother, Cecilia Viverito at her home in Norridge during the run of the show, graduated from Lane Tech. He has three brothers and he and his wife, a dancer have three sons. She is from Niles but currently, is in Spain putting together the choreography for "Cats". She was dance captain for the production on Broadway.

"The trick in this business is to keep working," said Viverito during our phone conversation.

"Relationships are also important. I got my first break working with Bill Pullinsi at the former Forum Theater in Summit in "Hot L Baltimore", added the actor. Viverito was 30 then and what followed was a continuous string of acting jobs that have kept him gainfully employed.

Vince Viverito

"Work gets work" is how I feel about the acting profession, Viverito explained. He has done his current show in Winnipeg and prior to that he was in "Annie Get Your Gun" in the first national tour of "Annie Get Your Gun".

He's appeared at the Goodman Theater and received a Jefferson award for his work in "Chicago" at the Marriott's Lincolnshire as Amos.

Viverito has been featured on television in The Sopranos, Law and Order and Hill Street Blues just to name a few. Voice overs have proved financially good in work for Burger King, United Airlines and Allstate.

Call the Mercury Theater at 773-325-1700 for tickets.

Dance & Theater

By Marijo Doody

Chicago Symphony News

The Chicago Symphony Orchestral Association announced that the ended fiscal year 2003 has a surplus of $209000 on operating expenses of $57 million. The new president Deborah Card was introduced at the first annual meeting. She has solid management skills, extensive knowledge of music and strong emphasis on relationship building. She indicated they have begun the process of building a collective vision for CSO.

The CSO Association presented more than two hundred musical events during its 2002-2003 season. More than 550,000 people attended performances and events at symphony center, which include numerous free events such is the Field's Day of Music, Civic Orchestra as well as community relations events. The average sold capacity for main series in 2002-2003 was 82%.

The Symphony Store, located at 200 S. Michigan, is an exciting retail experience for CSO fans and music lovers. The store merchandise includes CSO logo apparel, music related gift items and a gourmet section featuring glass ware, cutting boards, musical theme dishware, chocolate CD's along with CSO CDs and videos. There are frequent signings with artists after performances.

Samuel Ramey in Faust (Photo by Dan Rest)

Lyric Opera

The third production in the 2003-2004 series is Faust by Charles Gounod. The story is one of good versus evil. Faust will be sung by American tenor Marcus Haddock in his Lyric debut. Patricia Racette and Erin Marie Wall will sing the roll of Marguerite. The best devil Mephistopheles will be Samuel Ramey. He has mesmerized adoring fans at most opera houses on the planet in the great devil rolls of Gounod, Boito, Berlioz and more. Mark Elder conducts the production.

Dance News

Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) presents choreographer Reggie Wilson and his company Fist and Heel Performance Group in their Chicago debut with members of the Nobel Dance Company in Black Burlesque. Performances are Friday November 14, Saturday November 15 at 7:30pm and Sunday November 16 at 3pm. Tickets are $22 of $17. Call the box office at 312-397-4010. The MCA theater is located 220 E. Chicago Ave. in Chicago.

Theater Western Springs

Patricia and Gary Sigurdson of Western Springs have been selected the recipient of the Mary Cattell Award, an award named in memory of the theater founder established in 1997. The recipients were founders of the Salt Creek Ballet and trained at the Royal Ballet School in London and in the New York City with Robert Joffrey Patti danced with American Ballet Theater and Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. The Salt Creek Ballet celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2005

Gary has had three careers: a professional flute player, music educator and business man. He performed with the Kansas City Philharmonic and the Royal Danish Ballet Orchestra. He chaired music departments at Interlochen Arts Academy and the University of Wisconsin. He was a senior executive with C.G.Conn and Carl Fischer music publishing. Currently he is the owner of CarlFisher Chicagosheetmusic.com in Chicago. The Sigurdsons expressed great appreciation at hearing they have been named recipients of the Cattell Award.

The Great Society

Due to strong ticket demand. Famous Door Theater's world premier comedy of The Great Society by Barbara Wallace and Thomas Wolffe has been extended for eight additional weeks of performances and will now run through January 4, 2004 at the Theater Building, 1225 W. Belmont. The Chicago Tribune hailed the comedy, as did this reviewer. The audience was in hysterics as the theme was the 1964 era with the Chicago Daley political party, the Kennedy connections and the rivalry of north and south side baseball fans. For tickets call the box office 773-327-5252.

Theater of Western Springs

The Theater of Western Springs (TWS) is proud to announce the 1st lecture of the 6th annual Gertrude Mattka Series "The Hollywood Writing Game" at 7:30pm Monday, November 24. At TWS, 4384 Hampton Ave, Western Springs. It is free and open to the public. It features Lisa Nelson who has written for various TV series such as Everybody Loves Raymond, Ellen, Brother's Keeper and Suddenly Susan. For further information call 708-246-4043.

Drury Lane Oakbrook

Drury Lane Oakbrook announces productions for 20th anniversary season 2004-2005. The selections will be Lucky Stiff, Fiddler on the Roof, The Sunshine Boys and Of Thee I Sing. For information call 630-530-0111.

Willowbrook Ballroom

Dance schedule for November is as follows: Country and Western Dance November 10, 11, 17 and 18. Admission is $6.00. Classes are 7:30-9:30pm and dancing 9:30-10.:30pm. Salsa Nights are November 12 and 19. Admission is $7.00. Beginning lessons are from 7:30-8:00pm, intermediate/advanced lessons from 8:15-8:45pm. Open dancing from 8:45-11pm. Singles dances are November 14 and 21. Admission is $7. Swing dancing is November 16 and 23 from 7:30-11:30. Admission is $7. Classes are the first hour. Sunday afternoon ballroom dancing is November 16 and 23 from 2-5:30.

Ray Frewen in Camelot

Drury Lane Oakbrook Presents Camelot

By Marijo Doody

The classic musical Camelot opened to a resounding success. Drury Lane's production starred as King Arthur its artistic director Ray Frewen. His stage presence was stellar and outstanding. Frewen played the king as pure hero because he believed man needs to believe in honor, justice, hope, magic, truth and wonder and we need heroes. Arthur gave us all we could ask for and this performance was a triumph. Arthur lives.

Camelot is based upon the novel "The Once and Future King" by T.H. White. In the enchanted world of King Arthur and his court, two themes are woven. His peaceful world where might serves right and the ill-fated romance of Queen Guenevere and the brave knight Sir Lancelot.

Many of the old classic songs are relevant in today's mixed up world. The song "How to handle a woman" with lyrics just love her are relevant in relationships around all societies. An old song "What do simple folks do" with the words sings when feeling sad, or laugh when blue to carry on is most appropriate in the world. Just a few days after the play this wrighter was at a senior fair and at a concert many senior folk were singing old Steven Foster tunes and their were many smiles.

Cory Goodrich as Guenevere and Brian Herriott as Lancelot are a dream couple in looks and vocal sound. Other cast superb performances were David Lively as the comedic Pellinore, Joe Van Slyke as Merlyn and Bart Philip Williams a deliciously evil Mordred.

Williams was so happy to be back in the Chicago area for theater as he has done lots of work at Stratford Festival Company in Canada.

The sets, lighting and costumes were unique but spectacular and simple. Shannon McKinney, Kurt Sharp and Gregory Slawko did them. This production is a solid revival that has all elements of a great Broadway show with cast, period costumes, great songs and fine singers accompanied by an excellent orchestra. Director Ray Frewen keeps the movement at a good pace and the production is first-class in all-ways. Camelot sings well and looks great and has a true hero. Drury Lane's Camelot is a masterpiece and a must for all to enjoy.

FYI

Grace Jenkins, Executive Director, National Able Network speaks at the Opening Ceremonies of the Operation Access event.

Operation Access Job Fair help those with disabilities

By Mary Anne McAndrew

Operation Access Job Fair for Persons with Disabilities is an annual event offered at no charge and sponsored by Cook County Board President John H. Stroger, Jr.'s Office of Employment Training (POET). The employment-focused event was held on October 24, 2003 at the Oak Lawn Hilton Hotel, Cicero Avenue at 94th Street, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The event featured 50 Chicago area employers and 35 community-based organizations* available for immediate interview access, as well as job search counselors and experts offering free valuable employment training information, job placement resources, interviewing tips and on-site networking opportunities. Nearly 500 job seekers with disabilities attended Operation Access, including graduating high school seniors looking for career advice and employment leads. In fact, some even came by the bus-load to attend this worthwhile and informational event.

In addition to on-site interview sessions with participating businesses and community-based organizations, attendees at this year's Operation Access Job Fair for Persons with Disabilities were able to meet with professionals offering valuable tips on job searching including: dressing for success, interviewing skills, resume building and where to get help on starting their own business.

One of the moderators of these special sessions was Mr. Scher, a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (by Illinois Department of Professional Regulation) and National Able Networksm consultant. Mr. Scher knows personally the obstacles that individuals with disabilities face as he has been visually impaired since 1967 and today is escorted by his dog Aaron. A former 21-year employee of Sears, he has not let his blindness slow him down in his professional and personal ambitions. An avid sailor, he has worked diligently for disability causes, including serving as a volunteer board member for the Chicago Lighthouse and on the Human Rights Committee for Anixter Center in Chicago. In addition, Mr. Scher received the Claude D. Pepper Distinguished Service Award at National Able Network's Older Worker of the Year Award in 2001 and is currently consulting with Able to assist in the agency's efforts to provide job-ready applicants to employers as well as industry-specific expertise, outplacement programs, and temporary staffing.

Hillcrest Mathletes Compete

Country Club Hills, Illinois, October 24, 2003: Hillcrest math teacher, Judy Canning, announced today that the Hawks Mathletes doubled their previous score in the latest round of competition. Over forty Mathletes competed in the meet Wednesday, October 22, at Hillcrest. Hillcrest's total score was more than double the score at the last meet.

Asa Bailey, a Hillcrest sophomore from Country Club Hills, made a perfect presentation in Statistics.

Gobble Up a Good Book

The youth services department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites children in grades one through five to participate in the fall reading club and earn some great prizes. Registration begins Saturday, November 1 and continues through Saturday, November 15. The club ends Sunday, November 30. Participants must be able to read on their own. For more details or to register, stop at the youth services reference desk. Phone 532-0160 ext. 125. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Internet Classes – Registration begins Saturday, November 1 for the following Internet Classes at the Tinley Park Public Library: Mousercise Class teaches those with little or no experience now to use a mouse. Class date: November 6 at 2:00 pm. Fee: Free. Beginner Internet Class, November 13 at 6:30 pm, is for those with little or no Internet experience. Fee: $30 for two 2-hour sessions. The only requirement is the ability to manipulate a mouse. Downloading Class, November 18 at 2:00 pm, discusses how to download files and software; how to decompress zip files and how to install the downloaded software. Fee: $10. E-Mail Class covers account registration, inbox, address books, and attachments using Yahoo mail (90 min). Fee: $10. Class: November 5 at 2:00 pm. Advance registration is required in person for all classes except Mousercise. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Ave. Phone 5320-0160 ext. 2 for information. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Take a Mouse to the Library! – The Youth Services Department of the Tinley Park Public Library children ages 3 through 6 to join in this fun program, based on the Laura Numeroff books, Sunday, November 16 from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. Registration begins Monday, November 3. For additional information, phone the library at 532-0160 ext. 125. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org. #

Improv Night Tinley Park, IL – October 20, 2003 – The youth services department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grades 6 - 12 to stop in and see the new improv group, "Someday We'll Be Action Figures" Tuesday, November 4, from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. No registration required. For additional information, phone 532-0160 ext. 125. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Green Hills has news

Java Jive Returns! Back by popular demand! Young Adult Java Jive returns November 4 at 6:30 p.m. If you are age 11 or older, you are invited to attend a coffee house scene where you can enjoy live entertainment. Who are the performers? You are! Please call Youth Services at 708-598-8446 ext. 19 to register. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Battleship Bismark Survivor at Green Hills Meet Bismarck survivor Bruno Rzonca and hear his story along with Bob Gramberg, a local historian of Hickory Hills, on November 12 at 7:00 p.m. Stop in to see a model of the battleship on display. To register or for more information, contact the Reference Department at 708-598-8446 ext. 20. The library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street, Palos Hills.

TIME FOR TWO IS BACK

Join us at the Green Hills Public Library as we sing songs, read books, and introduce your 2-year-olds to the library. Time for Two is a four-week program for two year olds and their caregivers on Wednesdays, November 12 – December 3 from 10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Please register by November 4. Call the Youth Services Department at 598-8446 ext. 19 to register or for more information. The library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street, Palos Hills.

Chicago Ridge Library helps

Caring for an aging parent or relative can be exhausting and overwhelming for family members. The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, in partnership with the Suburban Area Agency on Aging, will present: "Family Caregiving: Education, Tools, and Support for Families" on Tuesday, November 4th, at 6:30 p.m. Jenny Serdlik, Caregiver Specialist with the Agency on Aging, and Jessica O'Leary from PLOWS, will discuss the services and programs available in our area that support the caregiver's role. Learn how to make informed decisions about your parent's situation and balance your caregiver responsibilities. This program is free of charge, but please call the library at 423-7753 to reserve a seat.

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, will host a Pre-Holiday Sneak-away Workshop on Saturday, November 8th, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Take a few moments for yourself before the holidays take over your schedule. During this workshop you will make fragranced bath salts and a "holiday survival" organizer. The bath salts make great teacher gifts and the organizer will keep track of your holiday gift ideas, receipts, and recipes. The organizer also has a "holiday count-down" calendar, helping you reduce stress and enjoy the season. Dried herbs will be for sale so you can make additional batches of the salts at home. A $10 fee will cover supplies for the crafts and light refreshments will be served. Stop by the library to prepay your fee, and please call the library at 423-7753 if you have any questions.

Oak Forest High School offers community computor classes

Oak Forest High School is offering members of the community the opportunity to gain basic computer skills by enrolling in the school's Community Computer Class this fall. The class will cover word processing, spreadsheets, databases and the Internet. The class will meet four times on November 12th, 19th, 26th and December 3rd.. All classes will be from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The cost of the class is $30 for community members and $25 for senior citizens. All materials will be provided. Registration will take place during the first night of class on Wednesday, November 12th in Room 110. Please call the main office of the high school at 708-687-0500 for more information.

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More than one quarter of the adult population has provided care for a chronically ill, disabled or aged family member or friend during the past year. Based on current census data, that translates into more than 54 million people. As the population ages, millions more will need care.

Heavy-duty caregivers, especially spousal care-givers, do not get consistent help from other family members. One study has shown that as many as three- fourths of these caregivers are "going it alone."

In response to America's rapidly growing need to support caregivers. Eisai Inc., a U.S. pharmaceutical subsidiary of Eisai Co., Ltd. of Japan, developed Caring to Help Others. This community-based program is designed to prepare volunteers to more effectively assist chronically ill older adults, their primary caregivers and families.

The manual addresses the aging process; the need for sensitivity and respect for the patient; the responsibilities of a volunteer caregiver; and help in dealing with relationships and loss. Additionally, the manual provides handouts for volunteers, role-play training exercises and resource directories.

Many nonprofit organizations were involved in the manual's creation.

The manual is available free-of-charge to qualified nonprofit organizat

The manual is available free-of-charge to qualified nonprofit organizations with programs for volunteer caregiver training or plans to begin one.

Visit www.eisai.com to download a copy of the manual. For hard copies, organizations can write to Caring to Help Others, P.O. Box 212, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660.

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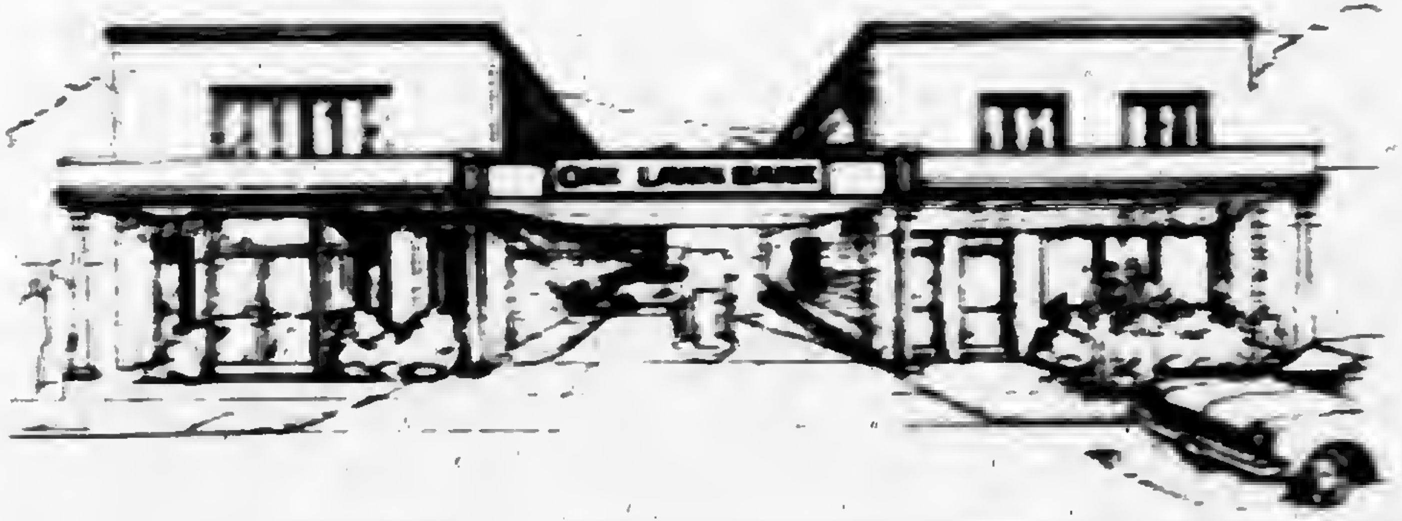

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Village of Orland Park Sportsplex to host "Senior Week"

Five Days of Free Health & Fitness — November 10th - 14th

Healthy lifestyles, physical fitness and medical screenings are just some of the activities that will be offered during "Senior Week at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex," hosted by the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department. Held November 10th through the 14th, the five-day health and fitness festival promises to be a cornucopia of all things healthy for the region's many seniors, age 55 and older. All activities will be held at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street.

"The Village of Orland Park is continually expanding its fitness offerings to provide new and different approaches to having fun," said Orland Park Recreation and Parks Director Gary Major. "Senior Week will feature some great activity and socialization," he added.

Each day of "Senior Week at the Sportsplex" includes scheduled events held from 8:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M., some of which include blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, stretching sessions, competitive sports, yoga, massages, and a number of health related lectures.

"The Orland Park area has a wonderful senior population. We, at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, want to do our part to help seniors live life to the fullest, offering programs and activities that are tailor-made for them," explained Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department Fitness Manager Deborah Graham who is overseeing the five day fitness festival.

Prizes from area businesses will be awarded at the end of the week, Graham explained. "Participating seniors will receive a raffle ticket at each of the activities in which they participate," Graham explained. "The business community has been very generous, donating gift certificates, dinners and more to make this a great week for seniors," she added.

Seniors participating in at least five activities held during the five-day program will each receive a t-shirt. Raffle drawings will be held on Friday, November 14th, including the awarding of the week's grand prize. Orland Square Travel has donated round trip airfare for two to Cancun, Mexico.

Pre-registration is required for many of the free events and seniors need not be Sportsplex members or residents of Orland Park to participate. All events are free with the exception of the nominal fee charged for medical screenings.

Pre-registration is available at the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department's Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue and at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street. For more information or to obtain a complete schedule of the week's activities, call the Recreation and Park Department at 708/403-7275 or 708/645-7529.

"We have a number of wonderful businesses that are co-sponsoring this event, in cooperation with the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department," Graham continued. "We're grateful for such tremendous support from the business community," she added.

Co-sponsors include Ace Hardware, Advanced Physicians Group, Bess Friedheim Jewelry, Brannigan Chiropractic, Connie's Pizza, Dunn's Hallmark, Fox's Restaurant, Great American Bagel, Hair Concepts, Home Depot, Ingalls Wellness Center, Jiffy Lube, LaMex Restaurant, Lumes Restaurant, Marshall Field's, Miroballi Shoes, Newsome Physical Therapy, Orland Square Travel and Palermo's Restaurant.

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Sponsors also include Mindy's Restaurant, Orland Bowl, Orland Park Ace Hardware, Orland Township, Oechsner Chiropractic Clinic, Outback Steakhouse, Palos Community Hospital, Panera Bread, Papa Joe's Restaurant, Pot Belly, Ricobene's, Sam Maguire's Pub, Sertoma Hearing Center, Silver Lake Country Club, SSM Homecare and Target.

For a full schedule of events, turn to page 5.

(Pictured from left to right) are Andrew Taylor, Anne Sears and Julie Martin, three members of the Oak Forest Drama Club rehearsing a scene from The Importance of Being Earnest, one of three classic comedies to be performed on Friday and Saturday, November 7th and 8th at 8:00 pm in the school's cafetorium. Encore performances will take place, Saturday, November 15th at 8:00 pm and Sunday, November 16th at 2:00 pm. Tickets are priced at $5.00 for seniors and students and $7.00 for adults and will be available at the door.

Oak Forest Drama Club presents "A Night of Classic Comedies'

The Oak Forest Drama Club will be presenting its fall production, A Night of Classic Comedies on consecutive weekends in November. The one-act adaptations consist of Anton Chechov's, A Marriage Proposal, directed by student Ellie Bentz; She Stoops to Conquer, directed by student Jessica Ruedz; and Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest, directed by Mr. Clinton Desmond. A Night of Classic Comedies will premiere in the Oak Forest cafetorium at 8:00 P.M. on Friday and Saturday, November 7th and 8th. An encore performance will take place at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 15th and a matinee performance will take place at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 16th. Tickets will only be sold at the door. Prices are $5.00 for students and seniors and $7.00 for adults.

Orland Chamber to host benefit

The Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce and B.E.L.A., Inc. will co-host the second annual "Monte Carlo Night" on Friday, November 7 from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. at Silver Lake Country Club.

Chamber proceeds from the event will go toward the purchase of defibrillators for schools in Orland School District 135 and School District 230. B.E.L.A. will donate a portion of its proceeds to the Crisis Center for South Suburbia.

B.E.L.A., Inc., is a not-for-profit corporation, formed as a memoriam by family and friends of Barbara Lynch. The organization works to combat domestic violence and battery. A portion of the monies raised by B.E.L.A. will be donated to the Crisis Center for South Suburbia.

For additional information concerning this fundraiser, please contact Kelorya Putnam at the Chamber office, 349-2792.

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Palos Height holds council meeting

By Carlene O'Connor

At the Palos Heights City Council meeting of October 21, there was a proclamation given by the council to Florence Holgate to celebrate her 105th birthday.

Under finance, Alderman Fulkerson (3rd ward) proposed the 2003 city library property tax levy for $4,210,570.10. There will be a public hearing on November 4 to discuss this at 7 pm at the City Administrative Center, 7607 W. College Drive. All residents are welcome. If you wish to speak, please contact City Clerk Mary Carik at 361-1800. Fulkerson said the proposed figure is an estimated 61.68 percent increase over last year.

Good news about the roads in Palos Heights. Mayor Straz said that Southwest Highway and 127th Street at Harlem should be done by November 15th.

Alderman Basso is looking for volunteers to serve on a committee to study driveways. He says they are looking more like parking lots.

After some discussion by the audience and council, there is talk of putting a referendum question about the pool on the ballot.

Alderman Prestinario is forming a group called "Friends of the Pool". Anyone who is interested may contact Mark Purcell at 361-1807.

On November 18th, there will be an "Adopt a Tree" party. Winners will be chosen. "Keep Palos Heights Beautiful" winners will be announced. Hope to see you there!

News from the Village of Worth

Worth Senior Christmas Luncheon tickets go on sale November 3rd.

Join us for an afternoon of fun, music and prizes.

The tickets are $5 per person and can be purchased at the Village Hall. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

The Christmas Luncheon will be held December 10th at 11:30 am at the Garden Chalet, 11000 S. Ridgeland Ave. For more information, please contact 708 448-1181.

Vehicle stickers go on sale at the Worth Village Hall on December 1st. There is a $2 discount in the month of December.

The stickers are $20 for passenger vehicles. Truck stickers are $22. Senior Citizens (65 or older one per family) can purchase their vehicle sticker for $5 and a truck sticker for $7. 2004 vehicle stickers must be displayed by midnight February 29th. We will need to see your drivers license to verify your address.

Village Hall hours are: Monday, 9 am to 8 pm. Tuesday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. Saturday, 8:30 am to 11:30 am.

Baseball/Softball registration is November 8th at the Terrace Centre from 10 am to 2 pm.

Worth Lions Club Christmas trees go on sale November 28th at 119th and Harlem.

November 22nd you can leave canned food donations on your door step and they will be picked up for the food drive.

The Village will be collecting items for families in Worth. We will accept toys, mittens, hats, scarves, coats and non-perishable food items. You can drop off these items at the Village Hall.

Clean-up day is November 8th, starting at 8 am.

There will be a tree lighting ceremony at Founders Bank on December 5th at 8 pm.

For more information please contact 708 448-1181.

Breakfast with Santa will be at the Water's Edge, December 6th, from 9 am to noon. Adults are $6, children 6 to 10 are $4, and 5 and under are free. Pictures with Santa are available.

For more information, call 708 671-0152.

The new date for the Blood Drive is December 20th from 9 am to 2 pm at the Village Hall.

For an appointment, call 708 448-1181.

Help get presents for PADS

Let's all get in the spirit of Christmas by buying the PADS shelter a holiday dinner. We also would like to provide a Christmas stocking with essential personal items. You can participate in the Presents for PADS by making a donation. Your monetary donation will help purchase a holiday dinner, and stockings filled with lip balm, tissues, cough drops, gift certificates and other personal items. Upon receiving your donation, a small paper stocking with your family's name will be displayed in a prominent location showing your family's support of this program. Stockings can be purchased at the Village Hall and Park District's Terrace Centre.

The Green/Flint family gathers around their new memorial gift to their church. L-r, back row: John Green IV, Jack Green III, Sue Green, Wendie Green, Todd Green; middle: Laura Green, Benjamin Green, Carly Green, Susie Green; front: John Green, Austin Green, Jack Lindsay.

Memorial donated to church

Stunning new altar cloths were recently given by the Green Family in memory of Eileen Green, continuing a 4-generation tradition of their membership in Palos United Methodist Church, 12101 Harlem Ave., Palos Heights.

Also, the large Bible on the altar was also given by them as a memorial in honor of Eileen's husband, John Green Jr. in 1971. The large Bible for the Chapel altar was given as a memorial in honor of Sue Green's father, Joseph Flint, Jr. in 1961.

"We're kind of proud that the family has been able to say: 'This is my church' through four generations that our family has been here now," said Jack Green III with his characteristic humility and graciousness.

These families were part of the early forming of the church. Sue and Jack grew up together in the church, where they met, were confirmed and married. All their children were baptized and confirmed here also. Now the great-grandchildren of John, Eileen, Joe and Grace are being baptized here. "It's a great blessing in this day when a family can stay this close together and in one church for so long," said Pastor Kathy Peterson. "It's a blessing to them and to us, as well. They know the history because they made it, which also positions them very nicely to help carefully create the future."

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Bremen senior receives Service Medal of Honor

Bremen senior Ryan Galli has been chosen as a recipient of the Sheriff's Youth Service Medal of Honor award in recognition of his volunteer service at the Midlothian Fire Department where he is a firefighter cadet.

Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan said in his letter to Ryan, "Your volunteer service demonstrates good citizenship and your dedication to making a difference in the lives of others." Sheahan will honor Ryan's achievement at the Sheriff's Youth Service Medal of Honor award ceremony on November 24 at the Thompson Center in Chicago.

As a former teacher and coach, Sheahan recognizes the benefits of volunteering. He relates that experience to Ryan's volunteer work: "Not only does volunteering provide you with the opportunity to make a positive impact on another's life, it also affords the chance to learn about other people and yourself in the process. I commend your achievement and thank you for your dedication to your community."

Bremen teacher named to state education committee

The Illinois State Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Robert Schiller, has appointed Bremen High School teacher Ava Evbuoma to the Illinois State Board of Education Appeals Advisory Committee. The committee was created by Public Act 93-470 (No Child Left Behind) to give districts an opportunity to appeal their placement on state academic warning lists.

The committee has been meeting monthly since September. Three appeals were heard at the October meeting. Several of its appointed members also serve on the Assessment and Accountability Task Force.

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Evergreen Park Approves Amendment to Municipal Code

By Matt Mayer

At the November 3rd Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting, the board approved an ordinance amending the Fire Prevention and Protection chapter of the Evergreen Park municipal code - by adding a section for stairwell doors. This amendment is in direct response to the deadly fire at the Cook County Administration building last month.

The ordinance reads as follows: Interior stairway means of egress doors shall be openable from both sides without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort except as follows: Stairwell discharge doors shall be openable from the egress side and shall only be locked from the opposite side. In stairways serving not more than 4 stories, doors are permitted to be locked from the side opposite the egress side, provided they are openable from the egress side.

In stairways serving more than 4 stories, doors are permitted to be locked only if equipped with an operating electrically controlled mechanism which is connected to a fire alarm system for that structure so that such doors will automatically unlock from both sides in the event either of the following occurs: the structure's fire alarm system detects a fire or the electrical supply to the building is lost, making the locking mechanism inoperable.

All existing structures will have until November 1, 2004 to come in come in compliance. Any existing structure which is not in compliance on November 1, 2003 shall present plans to the Fire Chief on or before May 1, 2004 detailing what systems will be installed to achieve compliance by November 1, 2004. The village currently has three high rise buildings, the Hospital, the Plaza Towers and a bank. Fire Chief Edward Clohessy, stated at the previous meeting that the Hospital and the Plaza Towers currently have the locking doors.

Trustee Jerry Bosch reported that the first meeting of the newly created Evergreen Park Historical Commission held on October 22nd was very successful and that four committees were created. Bosch stated that the commission is currently collecting photographs and any historical items that residents may want to donate. All items that the commission accepts will be catalogued and stored in the basement of the Village Hall until such time that a historical museum is formed. A vacant room on the second floor of the Village Hall is one such site.

The board approved the following business license applications: Heights Realty Co. at 9730 S. Western Ave., Pyramid Billing, a medical billing office, at 3613 W. 95th St., Luck Bamboo, an Asian carry-out restaurant, at 9852 S. Kedzie Ave. and Sun Gallery, Inc., a tanning salon, at 3615 W. 95th St.

Village Engineer Tim Klass reported that the Kedzie Ave project is complete, and that all the weather specific material has been completed for the streetscape and beautification project at 95th and Western Ave.

Evergreen Park Library host book signing of Italian American Women of Chicagoland

The Evergreen Park Library hosted a book signing of Italian American Women of Chicagoland on November 11, 2003. In a group picture, are two of the authors Virginia Cook and Marjo Doody with Nicki Seidl and some of the guest present after the event at the library 9400 S. Troy, Evergreen Park.

The book is part of the Voices of America series by Arcadia Publishing.

Authors shared coffee, Italian sweets and stories of their lives along with the library guests stories. Nicki Seidl, librarian was pleased with the turn out and the group sharing from the evening presentation.

Oak Lawn Park District earns Distinguished Agency Award

By Matt Mayer

At the November 11th Board of Trustees meeting, acting Village President Ronald Stancik announced that the Oak Lawn Park District will receive the Distinguished Agency Award. A committee consisting of five commissioners and directors from other park districts and six additional observers evaluated the Oak Lawn Park District on October 17th. After an 8-hour evaluation process that the park district has been preparing for approximately two years, the committee announced that the Oak Lawn Park District has earned the distinction of being a "Distinguished Agency."

Achieving the Distinguished Agency Award places the Oak Lawn Park District in an elite group of 31 park districts, special recreation associations, and forest preserves in the State of Illinois. Out of 357 agencies in the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association (IPRA), less than 10 percent have achieved Distinguished Agency status.

Homewood Flossmoor Park District Director Greg Meyer, who mentored the park district during the process, will present the award to the Oak Lawn Park District at their November 17th board meeting.

The board approved the following requests, petitioned by Matthew Klein, Gammonly Group attorney, for RTG Oak Lawn, LLC - To rezone from R-1 (single family residential) zoning district to PK (parking) zoning district at 9421 S. 51st Ave, a request for additional parking variation at 5100 W. 95th St. and a request for variations from landscaping requirements at 5100 W. 95th St. The board also approved a request to promote one lieutenant and one sergeant in the Police Department; these promotions will not result in any additional hiring.

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has announced the approval of a highway safety grant to the Oak Lawn Police Department in the amount of $38,118.00. Police Chief Robert Smith said the grant money will be used for seat belt enforcement and to deter drunk driving. Smith outlined the specifics of this grant. He said with Thanksgiving approaching, the Police Department would be doing seat belt checks to help determine the percentage of people who are currently buckling up. Smith dubbed the campaign aimed at drunk drivers as the "Drive hammered, get nailed campaign" which will last through 2004.

The board also approved canceling the December 23rd Board of Trustees meeting due to the holidays. The next meeting will be November 25th.

Eugene Moore to speak

The All Saints young at heart club will feature Eugene Moore Cook County Recorder of Deeds, speaking at the Golden Eagle Club on Wednesday, November 26 at 10am at Prospect Federal Savings Bank, 11139 S Harlem Avenue, Worth.

Moore will explain the workings of the County Recorder of Deeds Office and services available to Cook County residents.

Eugene Moore served with distinction four terms as Illinois State Representative and has been active in civic affairs over the years. In 1999 Eugene Moore was appointed by the Cook County Board of Commissioners to succeed Jessie White, and in 2000 was overwhelmingly elected to the Office of Cook County Recorder of Deeds. White was elected to the office of Secretary of State.

News from the Military

Marine Corps Pvt. Mike T Blough, son of Judy and Michael Blough of Evergreen Park, IL, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, CA. Blough is a graduate of Brother Rice High School's class of 2003

Navy Seaman Recruit Jonathan Castaneda recently completed United States Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, IL. Ranging from classroom study to fire fighting to instruction on naval customs, Castaneda and other recruits endured eight weeks of training, the pinnacle of which was the "Battle Stations" event. Known for its "distinct Navy flavor", the military says, it's during this exercise that each "galvanize[s] the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork, and endurance through the … application of Navy skills and the core value of Honor, Courage, and Commitment."

Recently enlisted in the United States Navy under the Delayed Entry Program, Jason T. Gruzlewski will be reporting for active duty to undergo basic training in Great Lakes, IL. Gruzlewski is a 2002 graduate of St. Laurence High School.

Army Spec. James C Woods, of Mount Carmel High School's class of 1993 and a 1997 graduate of Arizona State University in Tempe, has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC. He is the son of Virginia and Peter Woods of Evergreen Park, IL. Throughout his nine weeks of training, Woods studied Army mission, its traditions, history, and judicial system, along with practical combat skills.

Army Pvt. John C. Nemec, son of Kitty and Larry Nemec of Evergreen Park, IL, has graduated from basic infantry training in Fort Benning, Columbus, GA. For eight weeks, Nemec received training ranging from military philosophy to map reading and war tactics. He is a 2002 graduate of Lincolns Challenge Military School in Rantoul, IL.

With fellow Sailors, Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Michelle N. King, daughter of Pamela and Denley King of Oak Lawn, IL, made a week long port visit to Singapore. She is assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz, which is homeported in San Diego, CA. According to the Military's news center, the "USS Nimitz Strike Group is currently deployed to the Western Pacific as a standing commitment to peace, stability, and theater security in cooperation with friends and allies in the region." King is a 1999 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

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News from Jessie White Secretary of State

White awards library and technology acts grants that total $2.1 million. The Illinois State Library Services (LSTA) grants are available for the development of projects that provide and focus on library services, new initiatives and library activities.

Public schools, academic and special libraries are all eligible to receive grants. White as state librarian indicated, "I am proud to help my fellow librarians who are enriching all of our lives." A list of libraries obtaining grants is available on the Secretary of State's website at www.cyberdriveillinois.com

Did you know?

Over 100,000 veterans currently wait six months or more to see a doctor; it may seem as if some convicted criminals get better access to health care than some veterans. All veterans are entitled to a full continuum of health care benefits to include long-term care and a prescription drug benefit that is better than Medicare, say the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. That is why it is critically important to fight to secure full funding for the VA Health Care system through mandatory funding or some other guaranteed funding mechanism. It's also important that as VA works to reduce the veterans benefit claims backlog that they do not sacrifice quality for quantity. Many WWII and Korean veterans are passing away before they receive their entitlements.

Tracy Smith, the mistress of ceremonies and co-chairperson of the Kassidi Smith Cancer Benefit introduced the family at the Sabre Room benefit. Kassidi Smith, a six-year-old with cancer, expressed her appreciation for all who attended.

photo left to right: Tracy Smith, co-chairperson; Kirby, Kassidi's father; Kalyssa Smith, Kassidi's sister; Kassidi Smith, the benefactor of the fund-raising event; Susan Smith, Kassidi's mother; and Kirsten Smith, Kassidi's sister.

Kassidi Smith's Cancer Benefit a huge sucess

Over two hundred people came to the benefit held for Kassidi Smith, a six-year-old girl with cancer. The fundraiser was held at the Sabre Room in Hickory Hills and offered entertainment with a variety of bands and disc jockey as well as bob West, an Elvis Impersonator. Numerous baskets and other prizes were offered in the raffles. Guests bid for a wide variety of artwork and sports memorabilia in the silent auction. A buffet dinner was served and everyone had a good time.

I'm so grateful to Tracy and Truman Smith, co-chairpersons of this event and all of the committee and volunteers who worked so hard to make this evening a wonderful success, said Susan Smith, Kassidi's mother. "We also thank all who attended," commented Kirby smith, Kassidi's father. "The family was really touched by the outpouring of generosity by all who donated to this benefit."

Kassidi Smith has had cancer for the last two and half years. She was diagnosed with Wilm's Tumor when she was four. After surgery to remove her kidney, Kassidi received chemotherapy. Currently the family is praying for her recovery as she responds to a stem cell transplant. The benefit was held to support some of her medical expenses.

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By: Kathy Whirlty
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When Pets are Impounded

They don't call it the graveyard shift for nothing. For some workers at the City Pound, working the night shift means being surrounded by death. I read, with interest, a recent story written about the amount of strays that walk through the doors of the Pound. The story focused on the unfortunate ones who'll never leave.

So many dogs are put to sleep. There are different reasons, of course, like the countless canines that have been so horribly mistreated they'd never successfully fit into a family setting — put to death because of abusive owners with demented intentions. Others are sickly or just too old to deal with the stress of starting over with new families. The plight of these pathetic pooches caught my attention because, a few weeks ago, the officer at the front desk at the Pound and I were on a first name basis.

Almost every night, Bill and I would take the long ride down to 27th Western to see if our Hannah happened to be there. We learned the hard way that this could be a lost dog's destination after our older dog Holly was picked up and taken there awhile back.

At that time we scoured every last cage at the Animal Welfare league on Ridgeland Avenue. We were assured that if she did get picked up that's definitely where she'd be. Lucky for us, on the 5th day of her disappearance, my harried husband had a hunch and decided to run down to the Pound, on the off chance that, just maybe, she was there. And to our amazement and utter relief—there she was! We found out she had been at the Pound since the afternoon she wandered out of the backyard.

Hurricane Hannah, as we like to call her, is our younger dog— a runner that takes off in a hurry. Leave a door ajar, or a gate open and she's off in a flash.

On a bright and sunny Saturday morning, a few weeks ago, we noticed the gate open and no Hannah. It was the last we saw her for a week. We'd go to the Pound and carefully inspect each and every cage. We knew the routine. First we'd go through the doors of Pavilion A, then B, and by the time we reached Pavilion C, I'd be saying a prayer to St. Anthony to find our Hannah.

Thankfully we found our renegade Retriever — not at the Pound this time, but in the safety of a loving family who took good care of her for the week that she was away from home.

For us, both cases of dogs' lost had a happy ending, but that's not the case for the rows and rows of cages that confine man's best friend at the Pound. My heart went out to the well cared for pups that you could tell belonged to loving homes. Those were the ones who would just glance up at you, with pleading eyes, as if to say, "You're not my owner but please tell them I'm here."

Then there were the scruffy ones that I don't even think a mother could love. The'd almost stand at attention, trying to give their best pose, paws poking through the bars of the cage door, just hoping for a pat on the head followed by a soothing praise of "good dog."

From the looks of the packed Pound, it was obvious that many owners wrongly assume that their faithful Fidos couldn't possibly be there.

Night after night there are innocent animals being put down because the Pound cannot keep up with the plethora of pets that come through their doors.

What a hopeless shame for loving owners to lose a pet because they didn't think to look at the Pound. What a grievous injustice to our 4-legged companions whom, for one reason or another, find themselves separated from their human family. So many dogs, so many needless deaths. For some employees this is life on the graveyard shift at the Pound.

The Importance of Approval

Jon Jaroszewski

By Jon Jaroszewski

A little planning before you begin looking for your new home can save a lot of money and heartache later on.

You face an important choice, but the seller has an even bigger decision because they usually need the profits to finance their new home.

Being approved before you look transforms you in the eyes of the seller; it says "if your home is worth the sales price and the buyer doesn't get hit by a bus, we will close." It is one less huge worry in a complicated transaction.

There are three basic stages to the loan process:

Prequalification is based on your credit report a few questions you answer, but the information is unverified.

Preapproved means the info you gave has been confirmed in writing and the lender knows the buyer will be approved if they haven't overlooked some important detail.

Approved means everything has been verified, underwritten, and you are ready to close.

At least that's what they used to mean. In the last few years all good lenders have begun to rely on computers, or automated underwriting, to determine a borrower's worthiness. Now an approval is only as good as the information being fed into the computer.

A few major lenders advertise that they can approve a loan in minutes, or even "on the spot". This is great in theory, but the approvals they issue have so many "out" clauses that they are almost worthless. Our files have many "approved" loans from other lenders that they later turned down. The borrowers then turned to us in desperation and thankfully we were usually able to help.

I received a phone call from a Realtor about thirty minutes ago, asking about an approval I had issued yesterday. I was able to tell her that we had verified all of the loan info, got a written approval through the underwriter, and could close a few days after we got an appraisal back. There are three competing bids on that property and part of her job was to determine which buyer was the strongest.

Even if our bid is slightly lower, I think I know what decision the seller will make.

Library News

The Evergreen Park Public Library 9400 S. Troy is hosting a Scholastic book Fair during Children's Book Week, Sunday November 16 through Saturday November 22. Franklin the Turtle will visit the library between 1 and 3pm on Sunday the 16th.

There will be special Franklin activities, refreshments and a raffle basket. Bring your cameras! Purchase books for everyone on your holiday list. Credit cards accepted. Call 708-422-8522.

The Evergreen Park Public Library Foundation is sponsoring a trip to Cantigny Park and historical Geneva on Saturday, December 7, from 9am to 4:30pm. Cost is $15 and includes bus transportation and parking. Prepay by December 1. Shopping and lunch are on your own.

The trip begins with a guided tour of the 35 room mansion of Col. Robert McCormick, former editor of the Chicago Tribune and visit the First Division Museum of the US Army history. Lunch and shop in historic Geneva. Call above cited number.

On display at Green Hills

The paintings of Rosemary B. Symanski are on display throughout the month of November at Green Hills Public Library. Rosemary studied at the Broward Community College in Florida, American Academy of Art in Chicago, and Moraine Valley. She prefers to work in oil paints, but at other times she uses acrylic paints in her floral, landscapes, and seascapes. Stop in and enjoy this collection the next time you are picking out a book or movie. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

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Medical information

10-Minute Stroke Prevention

By Paula Motolik

When tragedy strikes, people often find themselves asking whether or not something could have been done to prevent it from happening. For many who have lost their lives to a tragic catastrophic medical occurrence, prevention may have been the answer.

"I had no symptoms, and if I wouldn't have had these tests done, I would have never known," said Frani Crane of West Burlington, Iowa. "My doctor said that these screenings may very well have saved my life."

Preventive screenings are not new, and millions of people have taken advantage of them: resulting in 95,000 significant findings in 2002 alone. Life Line Screening was established in 1993, and has since become the nation's leading provider of vascular screenings. Over 50 ultrasound teams are on staff to travel to your local community, bringing the screenings to you. These non-invasive, inexpensive and painless, ultrasound tests help people identify their risk for stroke, vascular diseases or osteoporosis early enough for their physician to begin preventive procedures.

"After receiving my results I went to a specialist who performed a total body scan, and it was found that I had degenerative bones," said Lynn Heck of Glendale, Calif.

Many people debate the issue of attending health screenings based on the argument, "Why can't I just get these tests done by my physician?" The answer, although relatively surprising, is that your physician cannot order these tests without clear evidence of symptoms.

Ironically, most people who suffer from a stroke or aortic abdominal aneurysm never show any signs or symptoms that a major medical catastrophe is about to occur.

"I felt fine and only took this screening because a friend insisted that doctors can't and don't routinely give all of these non-invasive, quick, and important tests. I was close to having a stroke. My husband has had a stroke and you saved me from having one too. Thank you for saving my life," added Lili Johnson from West Palm Beach, Fla.

The screenings are fast, painless and low cost. They involve the use of ultrasound technology, and scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke, aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, although not a direct test of the coronary arteries, it is however, a strong predictor of heart disease. Also offered for men and women, is a bone density screening to assess their risk for osteoporosis. Life Line Screening places a heavy emphasis on the education of the diseases and screening procedures used at events through free educational workshops which are hosted locally in all areas.

Each screening requires ten minutes or less to complete and are individually priced at $55 or less. Sign-up for a complete vascular screening, include the osteoporosis screening, and pay $149 or less.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-645-6188. Pre-registration is required.

Risk Factors of Stroke include: High Blood Pressure, Heart disease – especially an irregular heart beat known as Atrial Fibrillation (AF), Smoking, Diabetes, High cholesterol, Obesity / poor diet.

Warning Signs include: Numbness or weakness in face, arm, or leg. Difficulty speaking. Severe dizziness, loss of balance or coordination. Sudden dimness, loss of vision. Sudden intense headache. Brief loss of consciousness.

Stroke Statistics: There are 750,000 stroke victims every year. 160,000 strokes result in death. 266,000 survive the stroke with permanent disabilities. 30,000 stroke survivors are new permanent admissions to nursing homes every year. Physicians cannot typically order diagnostic carotid artery testing for an asymptomatic individual. 50 percent of stroke victims show no prior symptoms. The direct and indirect costs associated with stroke tally more than $300 billion per year. Over the course of a lifetime, four out of every five American families will be touched by stroke. Approximately one-third of all stroke survivors will have another stroke within five years. Stroke is one of the leading causes of adult disability. Stroke kills more than twice as many American women every year as breast cancer.

Risk Factors for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms (AAA) include: Being a male over the age of 60, Smoker, Heredity, High blood pressure, Atherosclerosis (deposits of fat and Cholesterol "called plaque" build up on the artery's inner wall, causing the lining to deteriorate), Inflammation of the arteries, Infection (Fungal or bacterial), Chlamydia pneumoniae (a type of bacteria).

Warning Signs Include: Steady, vague pain in the lower back. A pulsating and/or tender mass in the abdomen. An unexplained feeling of fullness after eating only small amounts of food. A lack of blood flow to a body part.

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Statistics: The mortality rate from a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm is 90-95 percent. The mortality rate from planned surgical treatment is less than 5 percent. Once discovered, an aneurysm is measured in diameter and carefully monitored. When it grows beyond five centimeters in size, the aneurysm is surgically removed. The vast majority of people who have an aneurysm have no symptoms. The most common symptoms are back pain, rigidity in the abdomen or tenderness in the abdomen. Some medical research indicates that as many as 8 out of every 100 people over the age of 60 have an undetected AAA. Approximately one in every 250 people over the age of 50 will die of a ruptured AAA. Males are at least four times more likely to have a AAA than females. AAA is the 13th leading cause of death in the U.S.

For more information, call Life Line Screening, Paula Motolik, Phone: 216-581-6556 ext. 159, Direct Phone: 216-518-8456, or E-mail: pmotolik@llsa.com.

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Bremen hosts Halloween celebration for staff, families

The Bremen Family Association hosted a Halloween celebration for its staff and their families. The children got to play games and the staff members and their families had pizza.

Area schools open doors

By Lisa Beilfuss

With January 10, 2003 fast approaching, many area Catholic high schools have extended invitations to potential future students to walk their halls, meet their teachers, and even sample their cafeteria's lunch. As any eighth grader knows, January 10 is the day set for each Catholic school's entrance exam; for many, the decision is made. For some, though, visiting schools during open houses and participating in shadow programs may be the best way to weigh options and chose the place to spend the next four years. Here is some information on upcoming events for parents and students to check out, and contact information for shadowing opportunities:

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School's next open house is on Tuesday, December 2, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Contact Mrs. Colleen Quinlan White, Recruitment Coordinator, at 773/881-6511 for more information. McAuley is located at 3737 West 99th Street, Chicago.

Queen of Peace High School is hosting an open house on Sunday, November 23. Tours run every half hour, with the first beginning at 12 p.m., and the last scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Contact Recruitment Coordinator Ms. Elaine Whitehouse at 708/458-7600 for more information. The school's address is 7659 South Linder Avenue, Burbank.

Brother Rice High School will also be opening its doors on Sunday, November 23, from 11 a.m. through 1 p.m. Call Mr. Tim Lyons at 773/429-4300 for more information. Brother Rice is located at 10001 South Pulaski, Chicago.

De La Salle Institute hosts separate open houses for men and for women; while the women's dates have passed, men have an opportunity on Sunday, December 7 to visit from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m. This open house will take place at the school's Main Campus, 3455 South Wabash, Chicago. For more information, contact Mr. Chuck Kuhn, Director of Admissions, at 312/842-7355.

Keep in mind that many schools maintain websites that offer open house information and provide details on any shadow programs that they might offer. Try www.google.com to search for the website of a high school in which you or your child might be interested. There, you are likely to find visiting opportunities and policies, as well as picture galleries, curriculum information, and interesting facts that will help make the decision on where to be sitting at 8 a.m. on January 10.

Students and teachers merit national recognition

By Lisa Beilfuss

Distinguished Students

Several community students and teachers have earned national recognition for their academic excellence. Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School's Terra Young, a senior from Calumet Heights, has been named a semifinalist in the 2004 National Merit Achievement Competition.

According to Jennifer Venutolo of McAuley's Development Office, Young is now eligible for approximately 775 Achievement Scholarship Awards available to finalists.

The National Merit Achievement Competition is one of two programs conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation to recognize outstanding high school students based on PSAT test scores. This "pre-SAT" is taken during the sophomore year. Specifically recognizing Black American high school students, this program began in 1964 and honors approximately 4,600 of the 120,000 students who enter. About 1,600 are named semifinalists, from which approximately 1,300 proceed as finalists.

Aside from the recognition and scholarship opportunities of this select group, up to 3,000 participants enjoy a place on a roster sent to the attention of about 1,500 colleges and universities across the country. Placement on this list intends to "enhance the admission and financial aid opportunities of these academically promising students", according to the organization.

Benjamin Williams, senior at Richards High School and Oak Lawn resident, and Cassie Wierenga, senior at Shepard High School and Palos Heights resident, have been named Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program, which is the larger of the organization's two programs.

Ten seniors at Mother McAuley have been recognized as Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Jacklyn C. Cullinan of Oak Lawn, Sarah Kell of Chicago, Beverly, Karen M. Kinsely of Bridgeview, Megan C. O'Connell of Chicago, Mount Greenwood, Kathleen T. Scanlan of Orland Park, Marisa A. Sharko of Oak Lawn, Anna E. Statham of Chicago, Beverly, Allison Todd of Orland Park, Elizabeth Tuminello of Oak Lawn and Gabrielle M. Warshall of Chicago, Beverly, have earned this distinction-and will receive certificates recognizing the achievement from principal Sister Rose Wiorek at the Senior Awards Ceremony in May of 2004.

According to Ms. Venutolo, approximately 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are recognized for their exceptional academic promise this 2003-04 academic year. Although they will not continue in the 2004 competition for Merit Scholarship Awards, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the 2004 competition by taking the 2002 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

About "34,000 of the approximately 50,000 high scorers on the PSAT received Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise", some of which become candidates for Special Scholarships sponsored by corporations and businesses. In April, each student in the "high scorer" category "will be invited to name two colleges or universities to which they would like to be referred by NMSC", the organization states.

"In a nation that values excellence," comments a spokesperson for the corporation, "it is important to publicly honor scholastically talented youth and acknowledge the role schools play in nurturing their development. We hope this recognition will augment the educational opportunities of ... [exceptional students] and encourage all students to strive to realize their potential."

NMSC programs honor about 55,000 high school students each year, and award more 47 million dollars in college scholarships to about 10,000 of the most outstanding participants.

The College Board has named three Reavis High School students as AP Scholars. Brendan Hughes qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average score of at least 4 on a scale of 1 through 5 on all AP exams taken. Earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, with grades of 3 or higher on at least four of these tests, Aysha Ahmad and Matthew Pepich have earned the AP Scholar with Honor Award.

Upon completing college-level, "Advanced Placement", courses in high school, students take AP Exams in May. As Reavis' Department of Special Programs says, over 1,400 American colleges and universities award credit to students scoring at or beyond the level set by individual colleges.

Distinguished Teachers

For her oil painting on exhibit at the Dellora A. Norris Cultural Arts Center in St. Charles, Queen of Peace art teach and Burbank resident Sandy Safranek has received a $500 Merit Award. Of the 200 pieces of artwork on display in this exhibition, entitled "Vicinity 2003", Michele Nowak of Queen of Peace says that Safranek's work is only one of five pieces to receive an award.

Two Queen of Peace High School teachers have been named All-American Collegiate Scholars by the United States Achievement Academy.

Maria Gonsiorek, social studies teacher and Chicago Ridge resident, and Susan Morgan, math teacher and Oak Lawn resident, earned their master of arts in teaching and leadership from St. Xavier University this past May. In earning this distinction, these two women are among the select group of students "who excel in the academic disciplines and are nominated by a school official for their outstanding achievement", according to Nowak.

Hillcrest Junior Leaders Attend District Conference

Country Club Hills, Illinois, November 6, 2003: Junior Class leaders from Hillcrest High School attended a district wide leadership conference held recently at Gaelic Park. Their sponsors, Mrs. Gloria Walsh and Ms. Allyson Foley, accompanied them. Mrs. Walsh reported that Hillcrest students joined a total of 80 District 228 students who attended the conference. The students worked as teams in a variety of activities to improve decision-making, communication and problem solving skills.

The skills will be tested as the year progresses. This year, as in past years, Hillcrest High School Junior Class Leaders will be involved in various activities for the benefit of the community. Previous activities have included bake sales to raise money for 9/11 victims, working with the homeless in Chicago, and assisting in a soup kitchen in Joliet.

Hillcrest Junior Leaders who participated in the Conference include students from

Country Club Hills: Dominique Barnes, Carletta Furlough, Chenteria Heard, Carole Jackson, Jessica March, Karla McIntosh, Shamika Roberts, and Patrice Rounsaville

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College students' source of inspiration found locally

By Lisa Beilfuss

Mr. John Kroc, St. Laurence teacher and English Department Chairperson, has been awarded a "Most Inspirational Teacher" award by Western Illinois University in Macomb, Ill.

Beginning in 1994, WIU's President's Office has been recognizing its students' most inspirational teachers in an effort "to award teachers for their excellence" and to show them "that some student thought enough of them and their teaching ability" to name them the most important educational figure in their "educational pursuits," said Barbara Mason, Secretary to the University's President Alvin Goldfarb.

A new student convocation launches each year, welcoming incoming freshmen and transfer students to the WIU community on move-in day. At the program's conclusion, each student is asked to submit the name of the single most influential teacher or counselor who has positively impacted his or her academic career, nominating that person as the most profound source of inspiration they have encountered at any point in their scholastic endeavors–from kindergarten to high school to junior college.

In October of this year, Mr. Kroc received a letter of congratulations from Western for the fourth time–not surprising, perhaps, considering his reputation amid his students and the high regard with which they remember him.

Of his former teacher, WIU senior and Oak Lawn resident Scott LaDuca says "[we] all loved him. Everybody loved him." LaDuca claims that part of what separates this teacher from the scores of others he's had is his "down-to-earth" nature and ability to effectively relate an often abstract subject to students he treats with respect.

A member of St. Laurence's faculty for 30 years, Kroc says that dealing with his students is the best part of his job. "I love my field", he says. "I love literature. I love exposing young people to it. It's extremely gratifying", he stated when discussing the career he has made out of sharing his passion with high schoolers.

Asked how he inspires his students, Mr. Kroc candidly claims "I really don't know–other than [that] I transfer my enthusiasm to them .... I love the world of literature, and I think that by transferring [this] enthusiasm to them, I inspire them."

In addition to teaching senior-level British literature and junior-level American lit, Kroc serves as St. Laurence's journalism teacher. He also moderates *The Helm*–the school's student newspaper. The recipient of several other awards, including two from the University of Chicago and the Laurence Award, Mr. Kroc's dedication to the young people he teaches is clear. As Western Illinois University's President Goldfarb says, the future's challenges "will be met successfully only through the highest possible quality of education", continuing that he "applauds[s Mr. Kroc's] obvious commitment to realizing that goal."

Mendel High School's (graduates only) third all-class reunion will be Friday, Nov. 28, from 7 p.m.-midnight at Rosewood West Restaurant, Route 83 and Cicero, Crestwood.

Tickets are $65 per person, including dinner and open bar; reservations are required, and are payable in advance.

For more information, call Jack at 708/403-0358, or Dave at 708/349-0442, or visit the Mendel Alumni Association website at www.mendelchi.com.

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Manet comes to Chicago Ridge

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford Ave., invites you to a slide presentation of the Art Institute's exhibit, Manet and the Sea: Voyage to Impressionism, on Tuesday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m. Jeff Mishur, art historian and professor, was selected to serve as a speaker for the Illinois Humanities Council Speaker's Bureau. Mr. Mishur's lecture will introduce the audience to a collection of over one hundred paintings, watercolors, and drawings by Manet, and other Impressionist. The exhibit is comprised of maritime subjects, and Mr. Mishur will explain why artists want to capture our love affair with the sea on canvas. Call the library at 423-7753 to register for this free program.

Free movie night will be Tues Nov 22, at 6:30 pm. Shown will be a literary film based on a romantic & intellectual novel. It will also be shown on Wed. Dec 3rd, at 11:30 am. Tues. Dec 9, an epic film will be shown about love, honor & war. It will be shown again on Wed Dec 10 at 11:30 am. Popcorn will be served.

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Letter to the editor

We are fortunate to live in a country which allows us to voice our opinions. We call it "Freedom of Speech." Interpretation of that right is a key factor. Unfortunately, there are those who will abuse this right forpersonal gain.

Freedom of speech allows us to speak against injustices and to promote righteousness. It does not give us the license to be judgmental in our speech; to cast racial and ethnic slurs; to verbally abuse each other; to use inappropriate language; and to invent stories. Harsh words and untrue accusations have a lasting effect.

Our intellect affords us the opportunity to disseminate information and to form an intelligent opinion, that is, if we choose to do so. Unfortunately, our humanness causes us to speak in anger and just off the top of our head.

The language of today leaves much to be desired. It is crude and it demeans our American culture. We have a great nation because of the foresight of our founding fathers. We should be thankful and respect the rights that were given to us and fought for by others. We live in uncertain times but using words that can heal might be a weapon against mass destruction of humanity.

Thank you, Marlene Jeziorski Oak Lawn, IL.

Editors Note:

Thank you Marlene for reminding us that words have the power to build up or destroy. This Thanksgiving, we should use our freedom of speech to spread love and encouragement to our family and friends; and even to a few strangers should we meet some.

Linda Du Puy

Singles events planned

November 22nd, Saturday will be Dinner – Theater at 4:30 P.M.

November 29th, Saturday we will go to Hollywood Theater at 4:30 P.M.

We'll leave St. Mary's south parking lot at 4:30 P.M. for Hollywood Theater, 1001 W. 75th Street in Woodridge. Food is served in the theater and admission is $8 (Food is extra). Contact Mark at 773-927-5587 for more info or to register.

For more info, call Lucy Steven at 773-778-8239 after 7 P.M. or call Steve Doyle at 708-268-9482 or e-mail at sdoyle77@yahoo.com.

December 9th, Tuesday we will meet at Starbucks at 6:15 P.M.

Have a taste for some java? Meet at St. Mary's parking lot at 7:00 P.M. and we'll head off to Starbucks at 13225 S.Cicero Ave, or meet us at Starbucks at 7:30 P.M. Contact John Bobek at 773-585-8242 or Carl O'Donnell at 708-214-6577 for more info or to register.

Food Drive continues

The food drive conducted by the Oak Lawn Library is underway and will continue until Monday, November 24. Patrons may drop off nonperishable food, canned goods and paper products in collection barrels near the Cook Ave. entrance. Donations are brought to local food pantries for distribution to needy families in the area.

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semi-*Homemade* *for the Holidays*

Start a new holiday tradition this year — spend less time in the kitchen! Enjoy more time mingling with family and friends by creating delicious dishes that are quick, simple and semi-homemade.

"Combining fresh ingredients with carefully chosen prepackaged foods can save you precious time in the kitchen," said Sandra Lee, author of "Semi-Homemade Cooking." "During the holidays you can create your favorite recipes in a few easy steps — with items available at your local grocery store."

Begin by giving this year's turkey added flavor using a few pantry staples. Try combining Swanson chicken broth, lemon juice, basil, thyme and pepper together to create a quick and easy mixture for basting.

Green Bean Casserole utilizes a delicious combination of store-bought ingredients for its unique and distinctive flavor. Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup, milk, soy sauce, pepper, green beans and French fried onions are mixed together then baked. More fried onions are sprinkled on top to give a crunchy final layer.

And of course, to complete the perfect holiday meal, create delectable, semi-homemade desserts with frozen Pepperidge Farm Puff Pastry. Half the work is already done by using this one ingredient! Simply add creamy chocolate mousse between layers of the flaky pastry and top with a drizzle of chocolate and a sprinkle of confectioners' sugar to create Chocolate Mousse Napoleons.

Sandra Lee's Semi-Homemade Tips for the Holidays

The following are a few simple tips to help you plan this year's festive holiday feast.

Review recipes to determine where you can save time or eliminate steps using everyday store-bought ingredients

Thoughtfully experiment with your favorite fresh ingredients and tried-and-true prepackaged foods to create new holiday dishes that are quick, easy and delicious

Display a creative centerpiece of sugared fruits on tiered pedestal cake plates. Simply dip any whole fruit into egg whites and then into finely ground white sugar. Arrange on cake plates and let dry overnight

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Chocolate Mousse Napoleons

Thaw Time: 30 minutes, Prep Time: 25 minutes, Bake Time: 15 minutes

1/2 package Pepperidge Farm Frozen Puff Pastry Sheets (1 sheet)
1 cup heavy cream* 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 package (6 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate pieces, melted and cooled
1 square (1 ounce) semi-sweet chocolate, melted Confectioners' sugar

THAW pastry sheet at room temperature 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 400_F.

UNFOLD pastry on lightly floured surface. Cut into 3 strips along fold marks. Cut each strip into 6 rectangles. Place 2 inches apart on baking sheet.

BAKE 15 minutes or until golden. Remove from baking sheet and cool on wire rack.

PLACE cream and cinnamon in bowl. Beat with electric mixer at high speed until stiff peaks form. Fold in melted chocolate pieces. Split pastries into 2 layers. Spread 18 bottom halves with chocolate cream. Top with remaining top halves. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate up to 4 hours.

DRIZZLE with melted chocolate and sprinkle with confectioners' sugar just before serving. Makes 18 Napoleons.

*You can substitute 2 cups thawed frozen nondairy or dairy whipped topping for heavy cream. Proceed as directed.

Roasted Orange Cranberry Sauce Prep Time: 5 minutes, Cook Time: 25 minutes

1 package (12 ounces) fresh or frozen cranberries 1 cup packed brown sugar
1 cup coarsely chopped orange 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 can (14 ounces) Swanson Chicken Broth (1 3/4 cups)

MIX cranberries, chopped orange, brown sugar and cinnamon in roasting pan (17- x 15-inches). Pour broth over all.

ROAST at 450_F for 25 minutes or until mixture thickens. Refrigerate until serving time. Makes 2 1/2 cups.

TIP: Make a day in advance and chill overnight.

Country Turkey Casserole
Prep Time: 10 minutes, Cook Time: 25 minutes

1 can Campbell's Cream of Celery or 98% Fat Free Cream of Celery Soup
1 can Campbell's Cream of Potato Soup 1 cup milk
1/4 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed 1/8 teaspoon pepper
4 cups cooked cut-up vegetables* 2 cups cubed cooked turkey or chicken
4 cups prepared Pepperidge Farm Herb Seasoned Stuffing

MIX soups, milk, thyme, pepper, vegetables and turkey in 3-quart shallow baking dish. Top with stuffing.

BAKE at 400_F for 25 minutes or until hot. Serves 5.

*Use a combination of cut green beans and sliced carrots.

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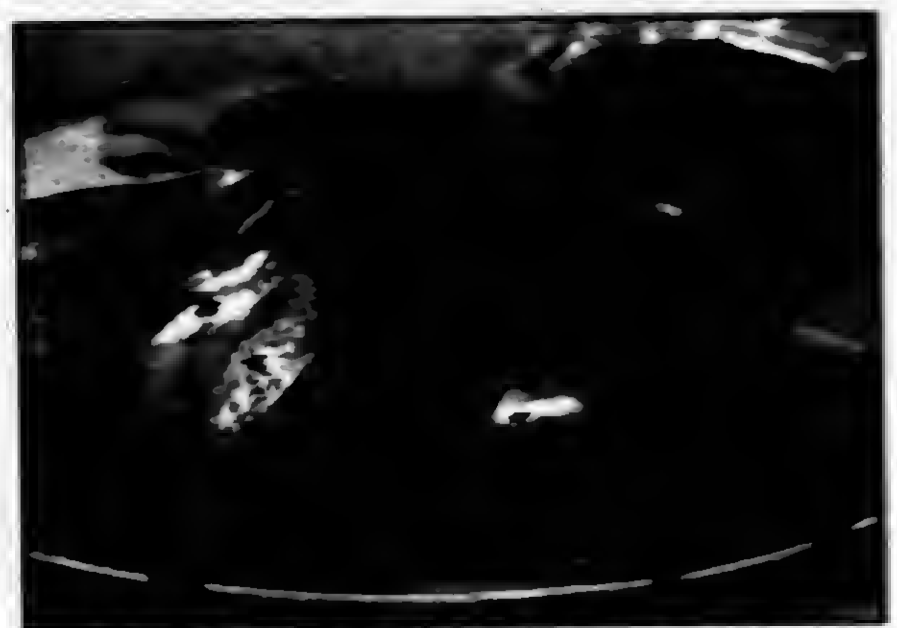


Herb Roasted Turkey served with Slow-Roasted Turkey Gravy, sweet potatoes and Roasted Orange Cranberry Sauce

Herb Roasted Turkey
Prep Time: 15 minutes Cook Time: 4 to 4 1/2 hours

1 can (14 ounces) Swanson Chicken Broth (1 3/4 cups)
3 tablespoons lemon juice
1 teaspoon dried basil leaves, crushed
1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1 12- to 14-pound turkey

MIX broth, lemon juice, basil, thyme and pepper.

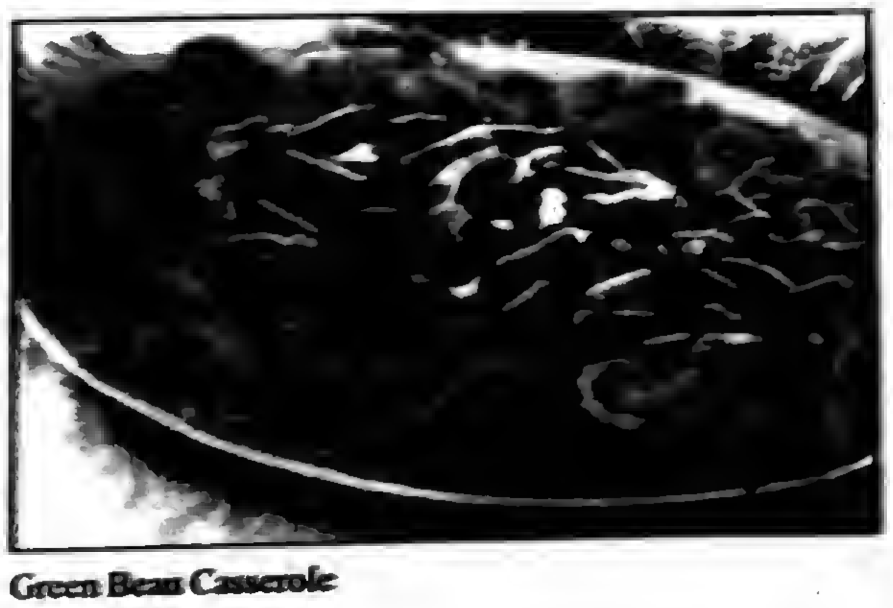
ROAST turkey according to package directions, basting with broth mixture.

STAND 10 minutes before slicing. Discard any remaining broth mixture. Serves 14.

Slow-Roasted Turkey Gravy: Remove turkey from roasting pan. Pour off fat. Mix 1 can (14 ounces) Swanson Chicken Broth with 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour in roasting pan. Cook and stir until mixture boils and thickens. Makes 1 3/4 cups.

Ultra Creamy Mashed Potatoes: Cook fresh potatoes in Swanson Chicken Broth, instead of water, until tender. Drain and reserve broth. Mash potatoes with some of the broth, light cream, butter and pepper. Add additional broth, if needed, until desired consistency.

Savory Vegetables: Simmer your favorite vegetables in Swanson Chicken Broth until tender-crisp. No butter needed.



Green Bean Casserole

Green Bean Casserole
Prep Time: 10 minutes Cook Time: 30 minutes

1 can (10 3/4 ounces) Campbell's Cream of Mushroom or 98% Fat Free Cream of Mushroom Soup
1/2 cup milk
1 teaspoon soy sauce
Dash pepper
4 cups cooked cut green beans*
1 1/3 cups French's French Fried Onions, divided

MIX soup, milk, soy sauce, pepper, beans and 2/3 cup onions in 1 1/2-quart casserole.

BAKE at 350_F for 25 minutes or until hot. Stir. SPRINKLE with remaining onions. Bake 5 minutes. Serves 6.

*Use 1 bag (16 to 20 ounces) frozen green beans, 2 packages (9 ounces each) frozen green beans, 2 cans (about 16 ounces each) green beans or about 1 1/2 pounds fresh green beans for this recipe.

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More Holiday treats & Fine Dining

Thanksgiving gives reason to celebrate

By Anita Anderson

American food history began when cooking was done a hearth. Early cooks drew the best from our bounty and gave us rich food like steamed clams, cod cakes, New England boiled dinners and last but not least, roast turkey with cornbread stuffing along with Yankee Red Flannel Hash.

When we sit down to dine with family and friends on Thanksgiving wherever we happen to be, one thing is certain. As Americans we can all give thanks for being able to be in the greatest country in the world, thanks to our early ancestors. Following are some holiday cooking ideas for your table

Turkey with Oyster Stuffing

1/2 cups chopped celery and onion
1 bay leaf
1/4 cup butter
6 cups dry bread crumbs
1 tbls. snipped parsley
3 cups shucked oysters with liquid
2 beaten eggs
1 tsp salt and poultry seasoning
dash pepper
1 10 to 12 pound turkey
cooking oil

In pan cook celery, onion and bay leaf in butter till tender. Discard bay leaf. Stir in bread crumbs and parsley. Add drained oysters, eggs poultry seasoning, salt and pepper and mix well. Stir reserved oyster liquid to moisten.

Spoon stuffing into cavity of the turkey and remaining stuffing into tail cavity. Place bird, breast side up on rack in shallow roasting pan. Brush with cooking oil. Roast uncovered at 325 until thermometer is 325. Served 12 to 14 people.

Steamed Clams

24 soft-shelled clams in shells
3 gallons cold water
1 cup salt
1 cup hot water and melted butter

Wash clams well. In large pot combine 1 gallon of the cold water and 1/3 cup of the salt. Place clams in mixture and let stand 15 minutes. Rinse well. Repeat saltwater soaking and rinsing twice more. Place clams on a rack in the kettle with the hot water. Cover tightly and steam until shells open, about five minutes. Discard clams that do not open. Loosen clams from shells and serve with butter. Serves 4.

Colonial Pumpkin Pie

2 cups pumpkin
3/4 cup sugar
2 tsp. cinnamon
3/4 tsp nutmeg
1/4 tsp cloves (ground)
3 slightly beaten eggs
1/2 cup whipping cream
1/2 cup milk
1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell

Mix pumpkin, sugar, spices and salt. Beat in eggs, cream and milk. Pour into pie shell and bake at 400 degrees about 40 to 45 minutes when knife comes out clean.

Indian Corn Sticks

1 cup cornmeal
1/2 cup flour
3/4 tsp salt
1 cup milk
1 egg
2 tbls melted lard

Mix cornmeal, flour and salt. Add milk, egg and lard. Beat till smooth. Fill greased cupcake pans almost to the top. Or, into a greased 8x8x2 pan and bake at 425 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes. Serve hot with maple Syrup if desired. Makes 10 to 12.

Fruit Berry Streusel

Prep Time: 10 minutes, Bake Time: 30 minutes

1	package Pepperidge Farm Frozen Puff Pastry Shells
1/3	cup all-purpose flour 2 tablespoons sugar
1/4	teaspoon ground cinnamon
2	tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
1	can (21 ounces) fruit pie filling (blueberry, cherry or strawberry)

BAKE pastry shells according to package directions (steps 1 through 4).

MIX flour, sugar, cinnamon and butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

SPOON about 1/3 cup pie filling into each shell. Top with crumb mixture. Bake 5 minutes. Remove from baking sheet and cool on wire rack 10 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature. Serves 6.

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Manet exhibit excites the senses

By Anita Anderson

In the current Manet and The Sea exhibit currently pleasing viewers at the Art Institute of Chicsgo at 111 S Michigan Ave., until Jan. 18, 2004, 16 artists come to grip with their passion for the sea.

Star of the art exhibit is Edouard Manet whose works highlight the two most celebrated aspects of his legacy. Almost 100 works, the work of 16 artists. 40 of those are Manet's.

The other painters work include Delacroix. Courbet, Claude Monet, Renoir, Morisot and James McNeill Whistler.

One of Manet's works is a spectacular picture of Union and Confederate sea battles off the coast of France when the Southern ship, Alabama was sunk by the Northern ship, Kearsarge.

It is easy to see why Manet was known as Father of the Impressionists when he died .

Two other beautiful Manet works include the Grabd Canal in Venice as the subject. The artist shows the viewer beautiful water with the suns reflections.

The collections bring together works from both public and private collections from arround the world.

A 40-minute audio tour is available with any exhibition tickets. Call 312-930-4040. The tour is $6 and $5 for memebers and students of the Art Institute. Dated and timed tickets are required for the exhibition. Tickets are also available online at www.artic.edu. and at the Art Institute.

St Louis de Monfort School Announces plans for Arts and Crafts Fair.

The twenty third annual Arts and Crafts Fair will be held on Saturday, December 6th from 9am to 4pm in Quinn Hall. At the November 3rd meeting, members reported over 85 crafters would display a vast array of crafts and holiday decorations. The parish kitchen will feature an extensive lunch menu.

Raffles, prizes and abundant opportunities for holidays shopping will complete the festivities. This is the major fund-raiser for the school because every dollar goes back to the children. Interested crafters may contact Marianne Leigh to reserve a table. 708-599-0695. St Louis de Monfort is located at 8840 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn.

A special treat for viewers

By Linda Stearns

Viewers of the Oak Lawn senior center movie "The Pianist" recently received a nice surprise. One of their members Wanda Frogni Karas had been accompanied by Waldyslaw Szpilman the pianist. The movie is the extraordinary true story of one mans survival in Warsaw 1939-1945.

Wanda was an opera, radio and philharmonic singer for over 15 years in Poland. She is originally from Krakow. Wanda currently lives in Oak Lawn and has been attending the Tuesday afternoon senior center movies for over three years.

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Dance & Theater

By Marijo Doody

Lookingglass Theater Company

Due to strong ticket demand, Lookingglass Theater Company's production of The Secret of the Wings has been extended for three additional weeks of performances and will run through December 14. Lookingglass Theater Company is in the Water Tower Works, 821 N. Michigan, Chicago. The box office is at 312-337-0665. Tickets are $15-$55.

The Lookingglass Theater Company's ensemble has announced that David Catlin, a founding ensemble member, has been named artistic director of the company beginning November 1, 2003 He succeeds Laura Eason, who served in the capacity 1994-97 and 2000-2003. Eason will split time between her home in New York and Lookingglass's home base to extend the company's reach beyond the windy city.

Catlin acts, directs, teaches and develops plays for Lookingglass Theater Company. Recently he appeared in Hard Times, Summertime and La Luna Muda. He also has co-founded Dark Harbor Stories to develop and produce film.

Eason tenures has seen the creation and development of more than a dozen world premiers, including two by Tony Award-winning director Mary Zimmerman and Hard Times, the 2001 Jeff Award winner for best production. Zimmerman is the director for Secret of the Wings that has been extended.

Noble Fool Comedy Theater

The Noble Fool Theater Company and Pheasant Run Resort & Spa proudly launch the inaugural Mainstage theater season at 4052 E. Main Street. St. Charles IL. With the world premier of The Swordsmen's Holiday Spectacular in a five-week engagement beginning November 26.

The bold and stupid gentlemen expert swordsmen Dirk and Guido (a.k.a. Douglas Mumaw and David Woolley), celebrate the end of their 14th touring season by bringing their renowned sword-fighting and comedy to St. Charles with a holiday show for the whole family.

Their flashing swords, rapier wit and astounding dentistry combine to create music, mirth and magic for people of all ages. Tickets are at the box office at 630-902-1500 or visit the web at www.ticketmaster.com. For persons who wish to spend the night or weekend, the resort will offer an extensive selection of packages. Call 630-584-6300.

Christine Beauregard (Evergreen Park) and Kevin Haines (Burbank) appear as Mary and George Bailey, respectively, in the Orland Park Theatre Troupe's presentation of "It's A Wonderful Life."

Orland Park Theater

The Orland Park Theater troupe presents "It's a Wonderful Life" on Friday December 12, 13 at 8:00pm and December 14 at 2pm. The Orland Park Theater at the civic center is located at 14750 South Ravinia Avenue.

The Recreational program supervisor Irene Buikeme the show executive producer is excited with the production as many new faces are in the cast and parents are performing with their children for the first time.

Tickets are $12 adults, $10 seniors and $8 children ages 3-11. They are available at Orland Park's Loebe Recreational Center 14650 South Ravinia or the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street. Call 708-403-7275.

McAuley presents Peter Pan

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School will present its annual all school show on November 20-23. Thursday, Friday and Saturday 20,21,22 performances are at 8.pm. Saturday and Sunday afternoon performances are 3pm and Sunday 23 evening at 7.pm. Tickets are $8. The theater is located at 3737 W. 99th Street, Chicago. For additional information call 773-881-6512 Theater Chair Pat Hayes.

In the Oak Lawn Park Distric Theatre's production of "Victor/Victoria," Steve Miller portrays Toddy and Erica Heilmann protrays Norma Cassidy. (photo by Bob Brodski)

Oak Lawn Theater

Tickets are currently available for the Park District Theater's November production of Victor/Victoria. The musical takes place in 1934 Paris and tells the gender-bending story of Victoria Grant, a down-on-her-luck soprano

Tinley Park's actors Julie Spencer will portray Victoria and Steve Miller plays Carroll Todd. The Executive producers Paul Nircli of Orland Park and Dave Heilmann of Oak Lawn are the producer and director. Dave Walters is assistant director. Melanie Hermann choreographer. Marty Rowsey as music director and Bill Hansen conductor.

Performances are November 14,15, 20-22 at 8pm and 3pm on November 16,23. The Oakview center is 4625 W. 110th Street Oak Lawn. Call 708-857-2200 for ticket availability.

Eily O'Grady

Irish Musician sings

Eily O'Grady Patterson an Irish world renown musician will perform with Ireland's famous tenor of recent Broadway fame, Ciaran Sheehan as well as the beautifully talented Fiona Murphy on November 21st Lokota Ministries Benefit Night at the Lexington House at 7717 West 95th Street, Hickory Hills at 7.pm

Lokota Ministries local event sponsors are Joan Hickey and Tom O'Connell. The Lokota Ministries support Monsignor Bill O'Connell and a small pastoral team of six people that minister to impoverished people of the entire 3200 square mile area of Standing Rock Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

The group's performance "From Broadway to Galway" includes a variety of Broadway tunes, contemporary favorites and classical Irish Ballads.

Tickets are $35 and include the performance and dinner with a cash bar. For tickets or further information are available through a call to 708-499-3044 or 422-0801.

Lyric Opera

The first announcement of the ultimate hot ticket in the opera world has been noted. Lyric Opera of Chicago, will present The Gala Concert a crown jewel in the company's 50th Anniversary Golden Jubilee Season.

The concert will be Saturday, October 30, 2004. Tickets go on sale to Lyric subscribers only via mail next week at prices ranging from $79-$500 per seat. The gala is a major fundraiser for Lyric Opera. More that 400 of the 564 Jewel" sponsors-seats in the boxes and main floor have been sold to major Lyric subscribers/donors for $2000-12,500 per seat. $4 million has been raised to date.

Many of the current stars and stars of the past will be honored guests or performing. The gala will honor Jubilarians, 24 legendary artists and individuals who were instrumental in making Lyric one of the finest companies in the world. Maestros Sir Andrew Davis and Bruno Bartoletti will conduct the production.

Center for the Performing Arts

The Center for the Performing Arts at Governors State University presents The Magic of Christmas featuring award-winning magician Terry Evanswood on Saturday December 6 at 8:00pm. The Holiday magic fills the air during a marvelous night of illusions that include an indoor snowfall, disappearing Christmas trees and a vanishing ace featuring a tiger.

The Chicago Tribune hails Evanswood as "an expert at the trick of his trade" and calls the show "a world of illusions where reality and fantasy embrace". Now in its ninth season The Center for the Performing Arts at Governors State University is dedicated to presenting the finest performances in arts, entertainment and education to Chicago's greater metropolitan area and the southern suburbs.

The Center for the Performing Arts features a 1200 seat, state of the art facility for world class fine arts presentations and theatrical productions. The Center for the Performing Arts at Governors State University is located at Governors Highway and University Parkway 45 minutes south of the Loop, off I-57 at Sauk Trail. Tickets are $24-33 available at 708-235-2222 or on the web at www.govst.edu/center.

The Salt Creek Ballet's annual production of The Nutcracker returns to The Center for the Performing Arts at Governors State University on Saturday December 13 at 1 and 5 p.m. The Roosevelt University Orchestra joins the production. In addition the guests can enjoy holiday treats, meet costumed characters from the ballet, and take photos with Santa during the Sugar Plum parties in the lobby at 3 or 4pm. For tickets call or visit the above-cited information.

Dance News

Willowbrook's dance schedule is as follows: Country and Western nights, November 24,25 and 28. Jeans and boots are welcome. Salsa night November 26. 7:30 to 11:00pm.;Swing Night Sunday November 30 7:30-11:30pm., and Sunday afternoon ballroom November 30 from 2 to 5:30pm. Proper attire is required.

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"What's the buzz?"

By Linda Du Puy

How do you get music out of your head? Because ever since I went to see "Jesus Christ Superstar" at the Shubert Theatre, 22 W. Monroe, on opening night, November 4th. I can't get it's music out my brain!

I first saw this stage show in May of 1972 in New York City, as a 17 year old senior in High School. I couldn't wait to see how I felt about it now, having 31 years distance between the two viewings.

The music was superb. The singers were phenomenal. I was concerned, sitting in seats only rows from the stage, that I would be blasted out, but the audio technicians did an excellent job of balancing the sound so that all could hear without some going deaf.

The stage decor was not what I expected, and with only minor changes, remained the same throughout the show.

Costuming was a combination of camouflage, business suits, show girl outfits, everyday clothes, and casual dressy. How, you ask, can there be such a variety of attire in one show? The answer is that there are many facets to the script, ranging from humorous to philosophical.

A brief history of "Jesus Christ Superstar" reveals that it all started with a 45 RPM song entitled, "Superstar", sung by Murray Head. Next came a two record album, and then the opening of the show on Broadway on October 12, 1972, just seven months prior to my viewing.

Since that time, it has played in 15 countries worldwide, but not all have received it with open arms. South Africa deemed it irreligious and banned it.

This was the first of many successful musicals, produced on a professional stage, for the team of Rice and Weber.

In 1973, a motion picture of the screenplay was shot on location in Israel.

The show stayed pretty much the same until the 1990's when it was reworked and redesigned.

Lawrence Clayton as Judas asks Eric Kunze as Jesus, the all burning question that showed the true lack of understanding of the people of Jesus's time. "How could you let things get so out of hand?", while Natalie Toro as Mary Magdalene shares how confused she is about her feeling about Jesus because "He's just a man. ...In very many ways, he's just one more".

Natalie Toro as Mary Magdalene in "Jesus Christ Superstar." (Photo by Craig Schwartz.)

This statement in itself, could have people up in arms about its sacrilegious overtones, but if you realize that people of that day didn't have the benefit we have, to look back on history and see what the whole picture was of those last seven days of Jesus' life, it puts it all into perspective

Another spot in the show that's a shocker, is the way Barry Dennen as King Herod, is portrayed. As my husband Mike put it, it was a take-off of "Harrah's Casino" complete with dancing girls in scimpy attire. To me, as I was taking this show with "a grain of salt", knowing that this was not supposed to be an actual historical account of Jesus's last days, it was quite humorous.

The whole production was sung, except for the lines, as Jesus hung on the cross, "I'm thirsty", and "It is finished", which brought the show to an end.

When I saw the show in 1972, lasers were just starting to be used, and they were utilized to cause an effect of supernatural beams of light, shining off the cross as Jesus died. It truly was a sight to behold. However, this production ended with blinding lights on a cross behind Jesus, slowing ascending out of sight. It was the only part of the show that really left me flat. (I wasn't thrilled with flashlights in my eyes, earlier in the show during a hunt, either) It seemed a letdown, after the emotional journey that had been portrayed just moments before. And I realized now, being older and having studied the true history of Jesus's life, that the show ended before it finished the story, with his ressurection.

Despite the ending, I still would recommend this show to anyone who enjoys rock music and would like to see a more human side to the people involved in the days when the world was about to change due to the sacrifice of one man.

Antiques & Collectibles

Greetings From Earlier Thanksgivings

Q. I found some old Thanksgiving Day postcards in a cigar box among family possessions stored in the attic. Can you tell me anything about them? Ruth Lee Anderson, Green Bay, WI.

A. Back around the turn of the century, Thanksgiving Day postcards were just as traditional as turkey, trimmings, and pumpkin pie, and were sent as holiday greetings to relatives and friends.

Such cards portrayed chubby-cheeked children, pilgrims and puritans, as well as patriotic motifs, gobbling turkeys with feathers and flare, and patches of pumpkins and holiday fare. Many were made as sets and series containing a number of cards, which can be recognized by tiny numbers printed on the front or back, usually in a lower corner. Some collect only sets, while others collect a conglomeration of all types because there is a great variety for deltiologists (postcard collectors) to find.

Thanksgiving Day postcards were probably more family-oriented then some other holiday types (with the exception of Christmas) since they represented that time of the year when families gathered from far and near to meet, eat and groan from gobblin' too fast and devouring too much.

Thanksgiving Day postcards ranged from fancy to funny types which often had copyright dates printed on them, such as one dated 1912 produced by J. Bergman of New York which pictures a huge turkey chasing a little Dutch boy, who is saying, "I hope dot you vill haf all de goot t'ings for Thanksgiving." Children were often favorite subjects, and many examples show the tots feeding and befriending turkeys, as well as riding on their backs such as one published by International Art, which shows a little boy in a sailor suit riding a gobbler and holding on to a ribbon tied around the bird's neck, which says "May you always ride on the wings of prosperity and plenty."

Turkeys alone also were favorite subjects - many show one or more with vivid plumage. One dated 1907, pictures two gobblers whose tail feathers are spinners that one could spin and change the bird's color and size. Still another turkey-theme example postmarked 1910, shows a gobbler feasting on an ear of corn and beside it a poem by John Greenleaf Whittier that says, "Thank God for rest/ Where none molest, And one can make afraid,/ For Peace that sits as Plenty's guest, Beneath the homestead's shade."

Thanksgiving Day postcards were mass-produced by numerous publishers including John Winsch, Raphael Tuck, Juliou Bien, M W Taggart, P.Sander, etc. By using a magnifying glass, you can find such names or publishers' trademarks along with those of various artists, printed in tiny letters on some of the cards, but not all, as some were not "signed". The value of Thanksgiving Day postcards, depends upon their condition and rarity.

Of special interest are Thanksgiving Day-menu postcards that feature such fare as "Health a la Wealth, Prosperity Garnished with Joys, True Love, Happiness, and Long Life". A terrific book which includes Thanksgiving Day postcards pictured in color with their descriptions and values, is "Vintage Postcards for the Holidays - Identification & Value Guide" by Robert & Claudette Reed, available in a large 296-page full color edition, for $27.95 postpaid from Collector Books, P.O Box 3009, Paducah, KY 42002-3009. Or phone (1-800-626-5420) toll free to order.

Q. Sometime back in a previous columm (I thought I had saved but can't find) you had an item about a polish that cleans embedded dirt from heavily embossed fancy silverware, brass planters, and other hard-to-clean embossed metal items. Can you please repeat that information? Marge Phillips, Columbia, SC

A. To clean and polish such embossed pieces to perfection, the first thing to do is to test the pieces to see if they were lacquered or painted, by saturating a cloth or piece of cotton with acetone or paint remover, and rubbing it on the pieces which will remove, lacquer or any such painted surface which (if left on) will inhibit brass, silver, aluminum, gold, or any other metals meant to shine, from being polished. To clean and unclog any fancy embossments, curliques, or raised or incised embellishments on any flatware or hollowware, the best and most amazing "miracle" polish that'll produced a spectacular shine, is MAAS Metal Polish available in a large bottle for $ 9.95 plus $2.95 shipping, which includes a free polishing cloth dry-treated with the MAAS formula you'll love, from MAAS Polishing Systemes, Dept. D, P.O Box 128, La Grange, IL 60525-0128. To glitzy up your table for the coming holidays, follow these four easy steps:

1. Put the pieces in a drain-closed sink or suitable tin, aluminum or enamel pan.
2. Pour enough boiling water over the pieces to completely cover them, letting them soak to soften the residue and replacing the boiling water if need be.
3. After soaking, take a piece out (which needn't be dried) and rub MAAS on the piece and into the embossments.
4. Take a soft toothbrush covered with a T-shirt material (into which MAAS has been rubbed to produce a jeweler's cloth), and simply brush and polish the embossments clean that'll shock the heck out of you by leaving the pieces looking gorgeous, grand and brand new. For larger pieces other than flatware (like coffee or teapots), place wet towels or cloths soaked in hot boiling water, over, on, or against the pieces to loosen the muck or goop in the embossments, and follow the above 4-step directions. Incidentally, never throw out old, soft toothbrushes for they can serve a multitude of cleaning services especially for getting into hard-to-reach places to remove nasty deposits.

Q. Is your Little House on the Prairie cookbook still available? I lent mine to a friend, who claims she can't find it. Connie Roberts, Virginia Beach, VA.

A. Yes, and just in time for the coming holidays to cook up irresistible treats and eats galore. The book "Prairie Recipes and Kitchen Antiques" by Wilma Kurtis and Anita Gold with a foreword by Michael Landon (that's been in print since 1978) is available in a hardcover edition with pictures of all the Ingalls, Laura Ingalls Original Gingerbread Recipe, Ma's Vanity Cakes, and lots more, for $17.95 postpaid from Anita Gold, P.O. Box 597401, Chicago, IL 60659. Please indicate if you want it autographed, and to whom.

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Second annual Ride 'N Tie Race a success

The second annual Open Lands of Orland Park Ride 'N Tie Race was held Sunday, October 26, 2003. Sixty-three teams competed in the two-person, the relay alternating bike run race through the streets of Orland Park to help raise funds for the Open Lands Fund.

The Skulldugger team of Orland Park finished first overall in 47:27.8 minutes and first place in Overall Male Team. Team Runfun took Overall Female Team and Grasshoppers team won Overall Co-Ed Team. Awards were also given to top finishers in combined age categories for men, women and co-ed teams.

The race was sponsored by the Village of Orland Park and Open Lands of Orland Park, Human Race Sports, Chicago Athletic, Brooks, Clif Bar, Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar, Athletix Sports and Orthopedic Physical Therapy, A.G. Edwards, Mission Signs, Carol's Travel Service & Cruise Center Inc., and The Fitness Experience.

Complete race results are available on the Village of Orland Park website at www.orland-park.il.us and [illegible].

LaGrange Road Businesses invited to decorate for the holidays

The Village of Orland Park is busy getting ready for the holiday season with special events and installing holiday lights and decorations to welcome residents and visitors to town. In addition, all of the businesses along LaGrange Road are being asked to participate in a new program to enhance the holiday decorations on their buildings and properties to make a grand appearance for our shopping district and to provide a bright welcome to our village.

Mayor Dan McLaughlin's office will sponsor a Holiday Decorating Contest for the LaGrange Road Business District. All of the businesses and property owners on LaGrange Road are encouraged to take part in the program. To help businesses decorate for the holidays, American Sales at 167th and LaGrange and Bright Ideas, Inc. of New Lenox have agreed to offer discounts to the LaGrange Road businesses that are part of the program. Awards will be presented for Best Decorated Property and Best Decorated Building winners. Judging will take place between December 10th and December 15th.

Letters have been sent to the businesses along LaGrange detailing the contest information. For more information and to enter the contest, please Lynn in the Mayor's office at 708/403-6160.

Orland Park kicks off holiday season

Winter Festival and Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony Planned for November 30th

The Village of Orland Park will kick-off the holiday season by hosting the 2003 Winter Festival on Sunday, November 30th from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The festivities will be held at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue and then move to the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue, for the Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony at 5:30 p.m. The mayor will light the village tree and holiday displays along Ravinia Avenue.

Join Mayor Dan McLaughlin and the Village Board of Trustees as the village celebrates the start of the holiday season in Orland Park. Visit with Santa and take a sleigh ride, enjoy Doc Morrissey's Christmas Show and test your talents at family karaoke. The kids will enjoy face painting, make and take crafts and the moon jump.

The Village of Orland Park Recreation & Parks Dance Company, Orland Park Community Band and holiday carolers from Carl Sandburg High School will provide continuous entertainment throughout the afternoon. THE MIX Road Crew will appear from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission to the event is free. Trader Joe's will provide an array of delicious desserts. The Orland Park Theatre Troupe will sponsor concessions selling hot dogs, cheese dogs, chili dogs, nachos, hot chocolate, soda and coffee.

For more information, please call 708/403-6145.

Oak Forest soon to have Lindy-Gertie's restaurant

By David Vognar

At the November 11 Oak Forest City Council meeting, the city approved a mixed-use commercial and residential site plan for the future home of Lindy-Gertie's at 15501 South Cicero Avenue. The plan, put forth by Joseph Vsentis of Lindy-Gertie's Enterprises, in conjunction with James Brigham of Brigham Construction, calls for the new restaurant to share some of its space with apartment buildings. The ordinance had been tabled at the October 28 meeting.

Although Vsentis had originally planned to move the Lindy-Gertie's restaurant to the back of the land plot and rent out the front portion of the plot, he later realized the move would be too expensive. "(The current design) would be an ideal way to recapture some of my investment," Vsentis said. The arrangement at 155th and Cicero, according to Brigham, will contain "ample parking" for both the commercial and residential interests. Lindy-Gertie's will be a one-building project built on two units.

The city also spotlighted two local business at its meeting, honoring both Capri Beauty School at 15515 Rob Roy Drive and Daniel's Printing & Office Supply at 14800 South Cicero Avenue.

The beauty school, which just recently celebrated its 25th anniversary, trains young stylists in hair design and awards them with actual college diplomas upon completion of the program. Recently, Capri convinced the state government to allow its students to spend the last 150 hours of school time interning at salons and beauty shops.

Paul Vaclav, part-owner of Daniel's, spoke to the printing outfit's long presence in the community, dating back to when "Cicero Avenue was two lanes wide." Since 1972, Daniel's has operated out of an 11,000 square foot building, now offering over 3,000 products and digital color copying.

The City Council voted to approve two subdivision requests Tuesday. One of the proposed subdivisions is to be located at the corner of 171st and LeClaire Avenue. The other accessed by the city is for the property at 17010 South Forest Avenue on the southwester corner of Sycamore and Forest. Oak Forest resident Ray Bartnet received approval to make an [illegible] on the property and to divide the lot in four.

Also on hand at the meeting was Oak Forest Crime Prevention Commission Chairman Dennis Mizner, who urged citizens to become involved with the Oak Forest Neighborhood Watch program. Mizner can be contacted for those interested in more information at [illegible] or at 708-687-4050, ext. 220.

The meeting ended on a bitter sour note as Oak Forest resident Rosana Kwoka was briskly escorted out of the chambers by a police officer. Kwoka had been addressing the council about the poor maintenance of her street, Lockwood Avenue, when Mayor Patrick Gordon requested she be removed. Kwoka complained that "the street sweeper was out, but did not pick up the leaves on her street as they did on Gingerwood Avenue. Lockwood Avenue, one of Oak Forest's many long and winding roads, is difficult to maintain because it is under the jurisdiction of both Oak Forest and the state.

Manet comes to Chicago Ridge

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford Ave., invites you to a slide presentation of the Art Institute's exhibit Manet and the Sea: Voyage to Impressionism, on Tuesday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m. Jeff Mishur, art historian and professor, was selected to serve as a speaker for the Illinois Humanities Council Speaker's Bureau. Mr. Mishur's lecture will introduce the audience to a collection of over one hundred paintings, watercolors, and drawings by Manet, and other Impressionist. The exhibit is comprised of maritime subjects, and Mr. Mishur will explain why artists want to capture our love affair with the sea on canvas. Call the library at 423-7753 to register for this free program.

Free movie night will be Tues Nov 22, at 6:30 pm. Shown will be a literary film based on a romantic & intellectual novel. It will also be shown on Wed. Dec 3rd, at 11:30 am. Tues. Dec 9, an epic film will be shown about love, honor & war. It will be shown again on Wed Dec 10 at 11:30 am. Popcorn will be served.

For more info call 423-7753.

Local church news

In Orland Park, the Ashburn Baptist Church, Wolf Road & 153rd Street will hold a service of worship at 10 am on Thanksgiving Day. Nurseries will be open for infants, toddlers and also two and three year olds. There will be signing for the deaf.

In Tinley Park, Standing Stones Church is having a food drive on November 24-26. The public is invited to drop off cans and other non-perishable items from 9 am to 4 pm. The church is 16250 S. 84th Avenue. A contact party is John Kesler at 708-532-8550.

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Jim Murray (left) and Mayor Gene Siegel present Helen Murray with her 100th Birthday Cake on November 11 at Lexington Health Care Center in Chicago Ridge.

100 year birthday celebrated

Helen Murray, with her hair pulled back in a neat pony-tail, had an unexpected crowd for her 100th birthday on Tuesday night November 11. Chicago Ridge Mayor Gene Siegel presented her with cake, her son and his friends brought flowers and gifts, a trio of handsome young Polish musicians entertained, while 67 of her neighbors at Lexington Health Care Center partied with her.

Helen Murray was born in Moline, then lived and raised her two children on Chicago's South Side. Her husband worked in the Chicago Stock Yards. When the Yards closed, and the couple's children were already grown, the two moved to Iowa where they lived for 25 years.

Ronnie Cichowicz, assistant administrator of client services and activities, planned the gathering at Lexington where the birthday gal has lived since 1999. "We never expected this kind of a turnout for her party," says her son Jim Murray who resides in Plainfield. "We didn't expect the Mayor to visit. We didn't know the band was coming. Mom seems really, really happy," he says. "Even at 100 years old she can still join in with the crowd to sing Happy Birthday to herself. We're all just overwhelmed."

Palos Bank's Prestige Club announces first annual Holiday

The Prestige Club at Palos bank and Trust will host its first Holiday Party and Luncheon in the Grand Ballroom of the Martinique Restaurant, 2500 West 94th Place, Evergreen Park on Tuesday, December 16th. Featured entertainment will be "The Skylarks Unlimited", with their holiday show.

The Prestige Club's Holiday Party includes a complete luncheon with an open bar, holiday show, auctions of door prizes. Cost of this festive event is $20 for Prestige Club members and $26 for non-member attendees. Pre-registration and payment is required by December 4th. Transportation is not included in this price.

For additional information or to register, visit your nearest Palos Bank location or contact Jan Haffner at (708) 448-9100, Ext. 2065. To pay by mail, send check payable to: Palos Bank Prestige Club, 12600 S. Harlem, Palos Heights, IL 60463, before December 4th.

Veterans' Memorial services held

Pictured are Tom Coe, Commander Palos Memorial Post 1993, Steve Kalowski, bugler, and Mayor Gerald Bennett Palos Hills.

Palos Hills Veterans Memorial Services were conducted on November 11. Led by Mayor Gerald Bennett, the City dedicated a brick in the Veterans Memorial Circle to the memory of Adam Thomas, a former

Stagg HS student and Palos Hills resident, killed in action in Afghanistan earlier this year.

Assisting the services were the Stagg High School Choir, Volunteer Bugler Steven Kalowski and members of the Palos Memorial Post 1993, of the American Legion whose members fired a ceremonial salute.

Hickory Hills Veterans Memorial Services were conducted on November 11, in Citizens Park adjacent to City Hall on 95th Street. Officiating was Mayor Mike Howley and Tom Coe, Commander Memorial Post 1993, of the American Legion. Steve Kalowski, bugler played the National Anthem, a medley of service songs and after the ceremony salute, ending with taps.

Aldermen Rejects Restrictions on Motor Scooter Use.

By Carlene E. O'Connor

At the Palos Hills city council meeting of November 6, the Aldermen voted 5-3 to reject restrictions on motor scooter use. The town of Lemont has already banned this and is looking to put restrictions on these toys.

A Palos aldermen who is not in favor of the ordinance is thinking of the children and grandchildren.

Speaking to a few residents, many are in favor of possible an area for the kids.

If you have an opinion.

And would like to speak there will be a meeting on Thursday, November 20 at 7pm. They think that it is youth recreation day and the matter will be brought up again.

Manet comes to Chicago Ridge

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford Ave., invites you to a slide presentation of the Art Institute's exhibit Manet and the Sea: Voyage to Impressionism, on Tuesday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m. Jeff Mishur, art historian and professor, was selected to serve as a speaker for the Illinois Humanities Council Speaker's Bureau. Mr. Mishur's lecture will introduce the audience to a collection of over one hundred paintings, watercolors, and drawings by Manet, and other Impressionist. The exhibit is comprised of maritime subjects, and Mr. Mishur will explain why artists want to capture our love affair with the sea on canvas. Call the library at 423-7753 to register for this free program.

Free movie night will be Tues Nov 22, at 6:30 pm. Shown will be a literary film based on a romantic & intellectual novel. It will also be shown on Wed. Dec 3rd, at 11:30 am. Tues. Dec 9, an epic film will be shown about love, honor & war. It will be shown again on Wed Dec 10 at 11:30 am. Popcorn will be served.

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Bremen students to sing at District 1 music festival

Bremen High School sophomore Lisa Rybak will represent the school at the Illinois Music Educators Association District Music Festival on Saturday, November 22 at Oak Park-River Forest High School at 5 p.m. Lisa will be singing alto in the Senior High Honor Choir at the festival.

"Lisa was chosen to participate after going through stringent auditions. Selection in one of the performing organizations is a reflection of high standards established by the student, choir director and school district," said Teresa Langel, Bremen High School Choral Director.

Bremen students Kaz Turner, Luke Lundeen, Jane Velo, and Sessily Hernandez will also represent the district during the festival at 3 p.m. concert for parents and other festival participants. Ms. Langel nominated these students to perform in the Freshman/Sophomore Honor Choir.

The public is invited to attend the music festival at a nominal fee.

For more information, contact Teresa Langel at Bremen High School at 708-371-3600, ext 2260.

Teaching Internship Program Off to Good Start

Gloria Walsh, the Teaching Internship coordinator for Hillcrest High School, has reported that the Teaching Internship program at Hillcrest High School is getting off to a wonderful start! The students in the program will be assisting as interns at four area schools.

Aryielle Rowlett from Markham, and Whitney Montgomery from Country Club Hills will be assisting 6th grade pupils at Mae Jemison School.

Three interns will be assisting at Chateaux School in the area of Social Studies. Rhakia Cobb from Hazel Crest will be working with 1st graders, Courtney Early from Country Club Hills will assist 2nd graders, and Cacher Morris from Hazel Crest will help 5th graders.

Shanika Roberts from Country Club Hills will be assisting in 8th grade math at Prairie Hills Junior High School. Third graders at Meadowview will have Seniors Jackie Carter from Country Club Hills and Brittany Montgomery also from Country Club Hills, assisting their teachers.

Hillcrest High School's Internship Program has run for three years and is open to all current junior and senior year students in District 228. Each high school has its own program run by a coordinator.

Students in the program are taught educational theory, methods of instruction, lesson planning, discipline techniques, and some school law. They are given a background on special education, and the various laws that schools must follow for special needs students. In November, the interns go into local schools to put their new knowledge to practical use.

As classroom interns, the students will assist the teachers with their instruction by tutoring, and ultimately, plan and teach three different lessons to the students as small groups and as a whole class.

Current sophomores and juniors at Hillcrest who are interested in this program for the 2004-05 school year should contact Mrs. Walsh at Hillcrest at 799-7000 ext. 2470, or by a personal visit in Room 133 or 134.

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Oak Lawn Police Department promotions

By Matt Mayer

The November 25th Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting commenced with Sergeant William Villanova receiving the oath of office and promoted to Lieutenant. Villanova said "He's as proud has he can be". Patrol officer Robert Brewer also received the oath of office and was promoted to Sergeant. Family and friends were in attendance.

After considerable discussion as well as hearing the views of area residents, the board decided to rejected an appeal of the Planning and Development Commission and uphold the denial to rezone the property at 6306 W. 99th St. for an apartment building. The board approved a parking variation request at 4046 W. 111th St. A request to post the south side of 100th St. between Meade Ave and Moody Ave., along with the west side of Meade Ave. between Pacific Ave and 100th St. "No parking during ball games" was also approved as well as a request to rescind a section of an ordinance regarding permit parking signs at 9606 S. Tully Ave.

The board approved the following ordinances from RTG – Oak Lawn, LLC granting certain parking variations at 5100 W. 95th St and granting a transitional yard width variation at 5100 W. 95th St and 9424 S. 51st Ave as well as an ordinance amending the Village of Oak Lawn zoning ordinance at 9424 W. 51st Ave.

The board approved a recommendation to enter into a contract for vulnerability assessment services - regarding water system security enhancements. Approval of an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Oak Lawn and High School District 229 for services of a law enforcement affiliated representative was also approved. The board awarded a bid to purchase a 2004 ½-ton 2-wheel drive dodge pickup truck from Thomas-Dodge of Orland Park in the amount of $13,947.00 A bid to purchase a 2004 GMC dump truck from Standard Truck Center of Chicago was also approved.

After a considerable deal of discussion among board members regarding a request to post 20 mph speed limits signs in both the Eagle Ridge and Acorn Glen Subdivisions, the board decided to create a nine-month pilot program in an effort to reduce speeding. The village attorney suggested that the board review the results of this program at the first board meeting in September 2004.

McElroy to speak at Kiwanis

Edward F. McElroy, of Chicago radio and TV, will speak before the Kiwanis Club of Oak Lawn Golden "K", Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 10 am at the VFW Hall, 9520 S. 52nd Avenue, Oak Lawn.

Ray Ristow, coordinator, announced that Ed will share his expertise on news and sports in Chicago.

Ed has been active in the field on WJOB, WIND, and WJJD radio for over 50 years. He has done many training films and commercials, and has received many awards for news coverage in the United States. Ed entertained hospitalized veterans and underprivileged children for many years. McElroy is Past National Commander and Past State Commander of the Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America.

Check out Jacki Mari and her astrological predictions on page 6

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Evergreen Park approves Police Department requests

By Matt Meyer

The following requests from Police Chief Michael Saunders were approved at the November 17th Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting - a request to promote two patrol officers to Sergeant, to hire three replacement patrol officers to fill vacancies, to purchase suicide prevention screening material for the lock up area in the police station from AMS Group of Elgin As well as a request from Saunders to purchase lap top computers from state purchasing to be used as mobile data terminals for $45,420.00.

The board also approved the purchase of computer racial profiling software and printers for $14,325.00 to be in compliance with an Illinois state mandate effective January 1, 2004. Mayor James Sexton stated that this is an unfunded mandate. The board urged residents to contact their State Representatives and State Senators and voice their disapproval over unfunded state mandates. The board also approved the resignation request of Sergeant Robert R. Zett Sr - he will be retiring after 30 years of service on the police department.

Sexton urged residents to complete and return their Target surveys. The village will be requesting Target to open in the Plaza - there has been some 2,000 responses thus far, all very positive. Survey copies are available at the Village Hall and the Plaza or the survey may be completed on the village web site, www.evergreenpark-ill.com.

The appointment of Frank Zawaski to the zoning board was also approved. The board approved the following applications for business regulation certificates: Midwest Sleep Laboratories, Inc for sleep studies at 3830 W. 95th St. African Art And Object, Inc a second gift shop at the Plaza. Cupp Financial Solutions Group Life insurance, mortgage and investment services, at 3317-19 W. 95th St. Reusable Resale at 2829 W. 87th St. and Firstar Co/Kirby Vacuum at 3206 W. 95th St.

The board approved a request from the public works director to enter into an engineering agreement with Frank Novotny & Associates to begin surveying streets in the Village for the 2004 rehabilitation program. Due to time constraints, the board waived the bidding process and approved the purchase of a plow truck from Monroe Truck of Janesville Wisconsin for $82,000.00.

Evergreen Park Historical Museum wants memorabilia

The Evergreen Park Historical Commission is actively seeking all kinds of historical data and material for inclusion and display in its proposed Historical Museum. Such donations of any relevant historical material include the following: photographs, newspaper clippings, artifacts, clothing, magazine articles, etc.

Evergreen Park residents who wish to donate items of historical significance should contact Historical Commission Chairman Jerry Bosch at the Village Hall and a representative of the Historical Commission will meet with the resident to assess the historical value of the items, if necessary.

Also, the Historical Commission is asking homeowners, particularly those who are the original homeowners or those who have lived in their homes for 40 years or more, to provide the Historical Commission with data of interest regarding their home. The Historical Commission plans to establish a registry of all village homes by identifying them by their age. All homes built prior to 1940 would merit consideration for possible landmark status dependent on location, structure and design.

It is hoped that many Evergreen Park residents will assist the Historical Commission in its endeavors to identify and preserve historically significant homes and buildings within the Village of Evergreen Park. Forms for listing relevant information about any home or building may be obtained either at the Village Hall or the Evergreen Park Public Library. Completed forms should be sent in care of the Evergreen Park Historical Commission at the Village Hall, 9418 S. Kedzie Ave.

News from the Military

Air National Guard 1st Class Wayde M. Tabor has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Wayde and Helen Tabor of Burbank. Tabor is a 2002 graduate of Reavis High School, Burbank.

Air Force Reserve Airman Kelly J. Smith has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

She received the same basic training as Airman Tabor and is eligible to receive the same credit toward an associate degree.

Smith is the daughter of Kathleen M. and John J. Smith of Burbank.

She also is a 2001 graduate of Reavis in Burbank.

Navy Seaman Apprentice Stanley Zawisza recently completed United States Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, IL. Ranging from classroom study to fire fighting to instruction on naval customs, Zawisza successfully endured eight weeks of training. A 2001 graduate of St. Rita High School, Zawisza is the son of Kathy and Stanley Zawisza of Evergreen Park, IL.

Recently enlisted in the United States Navy under the Delayed Entry Program, Bret Wentz will be reporting for active duty to undergo basic training in Great Lakes, IL. According to the military, this program "allows recruits to enter the Navy and take up to one year to complete prior commitments", such as senior year of high school. During this time, recruiters serve as mentors who help "ease the transition from civilian to military life." Wentz is the son of Carol and Joseph Wentz of Burbank, IL, and is currently a senior at Reavis High School.

Timothy Wilson has also recently enlisted in the United States Navy under the Delayed Entry Program, and will be reporting for active duty for basic training in Great Lakes. Wilson is completing his senior year at St. Laurence High School, and is the son of Carol and Timothy Wilson of Chicago.

Army National Guard Pvt. Tamara Arnold, a student at Reavis High School, has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC. She is the daughter of Cindy and Ted Arnold of Burbank. Throughout her nine weeks of training, Woods studied Army mission, its traditions, history, and judicial system, along with practical combat skills and field training.

Navy Petty Officers Third Class Jennifer Brulands and Patrick Moses have recently completes the Navy Nuclear Power Training Unit course at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in Charlston, SC. They have both undergone extensive instruction in areas covering nuclear theory, chemistry, physics, and security; upon successful completion, the Officers have been designated nuclear propulsion plant operators. Brulands is a graduate of Queen of Peace High School's class of 1997. Moses graduated from Oak Lawn Community High School in 2000.

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White House ornament honors Ulysses S. Grant

The President's House was first regarded as "historic" during the Grant administration and visitors to the nation's capital placed it high on their list of sights to see. General and Mrs. Grant shared the family quarters with their three children (the eldest was away at West Point), Mrs. Grant's fathers and the president's father. The holiday season was usually celebrated with private parties and a grant Christmas banquets for the family and close friends.

Mrs. Grant dearly loved the White House and later said "the happiest period" of her life was spent there. The first Lady's tender heart was well known to her contemporaries, as she gave generously to the orphanages and other charitable institutions of Washington, D.C. She often led groups of children to local shops and confections and fruit to institutions caring for the orphans of families torn apart by the Civil War.

The boy on the rocking horse, depicting in the 2003 White House ornament, is inspired by an authentic Victorian illustration of a child's joy at Christmas. The hand painted, cold-cast porcelain figurine is surrounded by a 24 kt gold finished brass wreath with enameled colors. Toys of the types available at Washington's fancy goods stores during the Grant administration adorn the wreath and a steam locomotive, a symbol of this age of industrialization, swings below.

This commemorative ornament is the 23rd in the series started by the White House Historical Association in 1981. Of the previous ornaments, 16 honor presidents, starting with George Washington. The 1989 ornament pays tribute to the bicentennial of the American presidency while the bicentennial of the White House as home of the president was commemorated in 2000. The 2002 ornament honored the centennial of restoration of the White House and the building of the West Wing.

Help the VFW help others

The McDonald Linn Chicago Ridge VFW Post 177 and Ladies Auxiliary, 10537 S. Ridgeland, Chicago Ridge, 708-636-3220, is asking for help on making the less fortunate in our communities have a happy holiday season and help during the upcoming year.

We are asking for donations of non-perishable foods, new or good condition clothing and coats, new games and toys for all ages.

Anyone who would like to donate a toy, $5 & up, please come to the monthly Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, December 4, from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm at a cost of $5 for the complete dinner, bring a toy and receive a certificate for a free dinner for the next dinner on February 6. All proceeds from the December's Spaghetti dinner is also used for the Children's Christmas Party. All donations are appreciated.

Misericordia residents Eric Fitzpatrick and Paul Patterson flank Rep. Jim Brosnahan during a recent visit to Misericordia, which is home to 550 children and adults with developmental disabilities.

St. Bernadette ELS staff earns exemplary lab award

On November 19th, Trisha Armstrong, Educational Consultant for Creative Education Institute of Waco, Texas presented the award in recognition of diligence and dedications to students. Pictured left to right is Patricia Shannon, ELS Facilitator, Sister Mary Ventura, Director, and Ann Smith ELS Facilitator accepted the award.

A Gift from the Library

If you are looking for the perfect holiday gift for someone special who lives in Oak Lawn or did, give them "The Oak Lawn Story". The book is a limited edition about the Village of Oak Lawn with more than 250 photos and stories from the library archives.

The book cost $33.95, which includes $10 tax deductible donation to Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation. The library is located at 5300 W. 95th Street. For further information call Linda Olsen public relations 708-422-4990. Books may be purchased with checks or money orders only at the Reception Booth.

The Friends of the Library Wednesday library book discussions will be held only on December 10. They will resume on January 14, 2004.

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Books that didn't make the Oprah list

by Annette Dixon

The following books were sent to me for review, but put them on my vacation list.

My favorite book going for a 3rd printing is the "Italian American Women of Chicagoland", published by Arcadia Publishing and printed in Great Britain. This book is a great present for the holidays.

Quoting Joanne Zerkel from "The Star" newspaper, October 16, 2003, "after turning a few pages it's apparent there's a new must read book available- if you are an Italian and a woman. If you're from the South Suburbs, it's even more important to find a copy of "Italian American Women of Chicagoland". It is not just for Italians, but for women of every ethnic group who just love a good story." It also has historical pictures, lots of facts and humor along with family recipes. You can purchase the book by contacting Annette Dixon 708-423-9754.

SAKE' Water from Heaven by Rocky Aoki

This book is loaded with colored pictures, graphs, cartoons and professionally published by Universe, printed in Hong Kong.

For those who ever dined at Benihana, would recognize the importance of Sake' with young Japanese "entertainment". Chefs perform fine food, work with razor sharp knives, and do some juggling while preparing steak, chicken, and seafood. What is fun is that the chef performs on a hibachi and guests observe the process of meal making while dining at the same table.

Rocky H. Aoki, founder of Benihana owns 105 restaurants throughout the US and International locations. Rocky is very athletic, he was on the Japanese Olympic wrestling team, which brought him to America in 1960. By 1964, he opened his first Benihana on Manhattan's West 56th St. NY, NY. His new adventure is to introduce to the American public the appreciation of a Japanese drink.

Sake or rice wine is a clear alcoholic beverage made from fermented rice. It could be served hot or cold. Four basic sake's are: Junmai, Ginjo, Namu, Nigori. For the sake of discussion, the book will explain everything needed in the way of fermentation, history, when to use which sake' and with what type of food to serve the best sake'.

I am so happy to have this book autograph by Rocky Aoki and it will fill my library of most used books.

Gregory Stuart Gordon, Author of "The Beast Hunter", self recognized beast hunter and the Second Coming of Christ introduced the Antichrist in the first five chapters of the book. He also relates to the 911 disaster. He quotes the Bible frequently. This book is a must read, it leaves you wondering if drugs are worth taking.

Breakfast with Santa / Concert/ Sing a-long to be held

On December 13th, children and their families are invited for Breakfast with Santa, from 9 am – 11 am at the Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn. There will be a free will offering for the breakfast. Santa and Mrs.Claus will have goodies for the children. Pictures of the children with Santa may be purchased or you may take your own.

Directly after breakfast, there will be a concert of Christmas Carols, led by New Creations Band. Tickets are $3 for adults, $1 for children. Singing is not mandatory. If you wish, you may just sit back and enjoy the music of the holiday season.

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The heartbreaking sight of grieving families dealing with loved ones lost, in the line of duty, in Iraq, are tempered with the hope and faith that's kept alive each time a soldier comes home safe.

The sad reality of war, the sad truth that's haunted generations before us is that war kills. Just as the sorrow of the fallen burdens our thoughts with grief, the overwhelming happiness to know that some of our heroes make it home safely, gives us hope to brighten the darkness of uncertainty.

The world is a scary, evil place filled with terrorism, and probably the scariest prospect is not knowing where this country is heading.

Back when the terrorists so savagely assaulted us on home ground, most Americans found themselves dumbstruck. Before they used our own airplanes to slam them into our own buildings, most of us didn't give much thought to the problems brewing in the Middle East.

I'm sure I wasn't alone in my first reaction of, "Why do they hate us so much?"

But in the days and months to follow we got more of an education that we bargained for.

Immediately after the gruesome attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, President Bush stood with the devastated firemen and policemen, at Ground Zero, and vowed to win this war on terrorism. As we are learning, it may be a task that has no end.

There are no compromises, no hopes for peace - not when terrorists are determined to annihilate the West and everything we stand for. On that September day in 2001, President Bush stood strong as the leader of the free world, confident our country could rally against the hatred and murderous intentions of our enemies. 'United We Stand' became our mantra, for it was clear that divided we'd be sure to fall.

Terrorists are a patient people. They can wait years and years before striking when we least expect it. And, they are counting on the division of the American people to win their cause.

A frightening reality just may be that their patience is paying off. We sure do not resemble a country standing united. We seem to be forgetting that our very survival hangs in the balance of this unasked for conflict.

It's frightening to think of our young men and women being slaughtered in Iraq. Yet, it's also terrifying to imagine what would be the consequence if we were to pull out.

Our sons and daughters of the Armed Forces are dedicated to fighting for our God given right to be free. They risk their lives, endure hardships we cannot even conceive, all for the glory of this great country they so deeply believe in. They do this knowing that they too may suffer the ultimate price - being a casualty of war.

They answer a call to duty and, when all is said and done, all they ever hope to achieve is the respect and support of their fellow Americans.

Unfortunately, some of our heroes will come home in flag-draped coffins. But for the ones who make it home, safely into the arms of loved ones, who carry on with patriotic pride in honor of their fallen comrades, there is hope for us all.

May we always be reminded of the courage, bravery and selfless love our soldiers provide. They are our first line of defense against terrorism. For their sake, for our own, may we stand united against the evil bent on destroying us.

Holiday Breakfast Treat

Indulge the family with chef inspired breakfast

Sunrise triple decker French toast anyone? It's an easy recipe to whip up during the holidays and was created by Chef Frederic Castan of Cafe Des Architectes at the Sofitel Chicago Water Tower Hotel, 20 East Chestnut.

Castan's other specialties at the ground-floor restaurant include Ricotta and Strawberry Pancakes, Fresh Fruit Beignets and Smoked Salmon and Creamy Eggs Scramble, just to name a few of the breakfast items.

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The recipe follows.

Sunrise Triple Decker French Toast
12 slices white bread or Brioche loaf
1 egg
1 tsp vanilla and 1/2 tsp orange extract
1/2 cups blueberries, blackberries, raspberries
1 cup fresh strawberries
2 tbls butter
4 red delicious apples
1 tsp cinnamon
1 cup sugar
For caramel sauce:
1 pound sugar
4 ounces butter
1 quart cream
pinch of salt

Mix all berries in a sauce with 1/2 cup of sugar and cook on very low heat until it become thick as a compote. Peel and core apples cut into halves and then slice. In a skillet with the butter saute 3 to 4 minutes.

Add 1 cup sugar. Keep stirring until lightly caramelized. Put about 1/4 cup water with cinnamon and stir until thick as a compote. For the toast beat egg with cream. Add orange and vanilla extracts. Melt butter in pan and dip bread in egg mixture. Brown on each side about two minutes. Trim all sides of toast. Place one slice of toast on plate and spread with berry compote. Cover with another toast and spread with apple compote mixture and finish with toast. Cut diagonally and open on the plate. Place caramel sauce on and around the toast. For garnish use a slice of berry and whipped cream or topping.

Caramel sauce: Put sugar in pan with 1/2 cup water. Stir over medium heat until light caramel. Take off heat and pour cream into mixture and stir quickly to incorporate soft butter and salt.

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Our Lady of the Snows invites you to a feast

Our Lady of the Snows parish invites you to celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas with a family weekend of Christian unity on December 6-7 in Kinsella Hall, 4810 S. Leamington Ave. Saturday will feature a sit-down spaghetti and sausage dinner at 6 pm followed by a children's Christmas Concert at 7:30 pm. Tickets are: adult dinner and show-$10, dinner only-$8, show only-$3; children, 12 and under, dinner and show-$5, dinner only-$4, show only-$1 (excludes OLS school children.) Children 3 and under are Free The evening will continue with a Jingle Bell Hop (DJ), Frosty's Pub, Mrs. Claus' Bake Shoppe and Snack Shoppe.

Breakfast will be served on Sunday until after the 10 am Mass for $1. St. Nicholas stockings will be blessed and distributed to children 12 and under at 2 pm. An afternoon of games, prizes, pictures with St. Nicholas (pets included), basket raffles, Santa's workshop (gifts) and Mrs. Claus' Snack Shoppe, donated by Heritage Manor Catering and Mrs. Claus' Bake Shoppe stocked by the CCW and parish bakers, will culminate with the $5,000 grand prize raffle drawing at 4 pm. Musical entertainment will be continuous. Admission is free call 773/767-4532 for more information.

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Seniors: It's a wonderful life

By Nancy Coutu President Money Managers Advisory

Life is good!

Why? Because it has never been more possible to live longer and better than today. The average lifespan is approaching 80 years and increases every year as medical science finds new and better ways to prolong our lives. Along with extended lifespan comes expanded opportunities, and the challenge for many of us as we grow older is to ensure we don't let those opportunities pass us by.

Sir Isaac Newton said that for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. The Bible tells us that as we sow, so shall we reap. Both refer to a simple truth: what you put in, you get out. For everything you do or fail to do, something happens, or fails to happen. This is especially true in the areas of health, relationships and finances.

Your health and longevity are very much under your own control. Aside from genetic predispositions to physical problems or unforeseeable accidents, you have the power to influence not only how long you live, but the quality of the years ahead of you.

I like to call this philosophy Living a Wonderful Life, and it serves as a foundational element to the financial planning I do on behalf of my clients.

Living a wonderful life is easy, and it is never too late to start. All you need to do is decide you want to do it, then follow these 10 simple steps:

1. Always look on the bright side. Maintain a positive attitude toward yourself, your life, and the people around you. Studies show that the more positive you are, the more energy you will have, the stronger your immune system will be and the more resistive you will be to illnesses that drag others down.

2. Get proper exercise. Keep yourself physically fit. No, you don't have to be George Atlas, but pay attention to diet and nutrition, then exercise. Go for a walk. The best exercise program is 30 to 60 minutes long, three to five times a week. You will be amazed how much better you feel.

3. Stay in "the game." Plan and participate in social activities with the important people in your life. Remain connected and vital by staying actively involved in your church, political party, business association, civic group, community clubs or personal interest groups.

4. Do something special with your time. Actively build and cultivate happy relationships with others. Don't forget that relationships are central to your health, happiness and living a wonderful life.

5. Learn something new each day. Engage in regular "mental exercise." Reading is to the mind as exercise is to the body. The more active your mind, the more energy you have, and the healthier you are.

6. Eat for health and energy. The best diet for health, vigor and long life consists of lean proteins, fruit, vegetables, whole grains and lots of water. Restrict your intake of fats, salts, sugars, carbohydrates and white flour products.

7. Take care of Number 1 — You! You are your most valuable asset. Your time and your life are your most precious resource. Love your mind and your body and take good care of both. Proper rest and recreation will add years of quality living to your life.

8. Put your best foot forward. This is a great world to live in. Look for the good in every situation and the good in every person. Believe tomorrow will be the best day of your life and that the best experiences are yet to come.

9. Get connected to the world. If you haven't already, make the decision right this minute to develop skills to become computer literate and Internet fluent. This will allow you to connect with family, friends, news and events around the world.

10. Stop worrying and start living. Research tells us that the happiest and most successful people take a long-term, big-picture view of life, rather than being mired in the details and turmoil of each day. Most of the things we worry most about never materialize anyway, so why bother?

This is the very best time in history to be alive. What are you going to do to get the most out of it? Resolve today that you are going to live a long and happy life, then do everything you know to make your resolution come true.

Nancy Coutu is President of Oak Brook-based Money Managers Advisory. Nancy is a Certified Financial Planner with nearly 25 years experience in the financial services profession. Her sound, conservative guidance and tax-saving strategies have helped numerous clients grow and protect their retirement assets. For more information, write to Nancy Coutu, Money Managers Advisory, 1301 W. 22nd Street, #809, Oak Brook, IL 60523. Contact Nancy at (800) 990-7174. Securities offered through Waterstone Financial Group, member NASD-SIPC.

Controlling Diabetes Early Can Save Your Heart

In the United States, about 16 million people suffer from diabetes, with 800,000 new cases diagnosed per year. If you are diabetic, you are two to four times more likely to have heart disease. The good news is you can minimize your health risks by early detection and making lifestyle changes.

Ask Jack Faber, Vice President, Clinical Services at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers. In April Jack was diagnosed with diabetes after testing at Little Company's Men's Wellness Event. Although Jack had no family history of diabetes, he led a sedentary lifestyle, was overweight and skipped meals. But that's all changed. According to Jack, "One thing I've learned during this time, is things you think are impossible, you can do."

He overcame his fear of needles to give his insulin injections. He exercises six days a week and after consulting with experts at Little Company's new Diabetes Center, overhauled his diet to consist of regular meals full of vegetables, protein and low in carbohydrates. As a result, Jack has lost 30 pounds, lowered his cholesterol, gained more energy and controlled his diabetes. Jack adds, "Your priorities change when you become ill, you focus on what's important."

Diabetes and heart disease are linked by factors such as abnormal levels of blood sugar, which can affect arteries, elevate blood pressure and contribute to high cholesterol. Risk factors for both diseases include heredity, smoking, inactivity and being overweight.

If you have diabetes, adopting a healthier lifestyle can delay or prevent heart disease. Monitoring your diabetes, cholesterol, blood pressure and diet are important.

Early detection of diabetes and heart disease is key. To help the community, Little Company is offering free diabetes screenings. Please call 708/229-5626 to register.

Blessing of mothers who are expecting or adopting a child at St. Julie Church on December 6th at the 4:30 pm Mass, December 7th a the 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, and the 12:00 pm Mass.

Mothers who are awaiting the birth or adoption of a child will receive a special blessing near the end of Mass. The mom will be asked to stand at her chair and receive the blessing. After Mass she will receive a rose and a St. Gerard medal.

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The Monthly Forecast for December 2003
Find Your Element And Read Your Message

***"It's Elementary Astrology"* A Psychic Insight** based on the **Elements *Water** [Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces] ***Earth**[Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn] ***Fire**[Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius] ***Air**[Gemini, Libra and Aquarius] and **Astrology Sun Signs**. Initials given (if any) can be first or last names of people involved.

***Water Signs** This is your "get lucky" month. You might find yourself dreaming about numbers. Play them if you are so inclined. This is also a time to be a bit more conservative, do less spending on expensive things, and above all, look at where you were at last year and compare it to where you are at this year. Surprised? You are farther ahead than you imagined, eh? Okay, allow Aquarius people into your life and those born on the 7-16 and 25 of any month and you should get the helps you need and fun to share as well. A and J and a G involved.

***Earth Signs** December is a DejaVu month for you. It appears that you are in a "re" everything. "Re" means thinking or doing something again, repeating, remembering, redoing, even reuniting. Do not let yourself suffer from being unforgiving or being resentful because these two things are some of the absolutes that can hurt you and family…let bygones be bygones. Leo people and those born on the 1-10-19 and 28 of any month are sure to help mend broken spirits. H aids.

By Lisa Beilfuss

***Fire Signs** Someone demands that you make up your mind if you want the deal or don't want the deal. Be specific and do not be afraid to "tell it like it is." This Holiday month speaks of reuniting with people from your past. This can be good if they are a W or J, Libra or Taurus or born on the 6-15 and 24 of any month. Let yourself believe as you once did, that people are good and all adversities are "character builders." A present you get this year may be more "peace of mind and better health. It is time to truly "know thyself" for who and what you are.

***Air Signs** No one knows you better than yourself. Some of what you discover about yourself in December is that you can become gregarious towards getting what you want as well as being sensitive to the needs of others involved in your life. Ask yourself what or who is more important than your own self? If you are not happy with who and what you are, how can you make anyone comfortable in knowing or working with you. Please yourself and you can please others. Let it be a New Years resolution to please your self. A Leo and F or P involved.

NOTE: It is time to have a *Personal Psychic Service "One-on-One"* with me at The Baymont Inn/Alsip, or by phone, or in your home or office. Know what to expect in 2004! These are taped for your later recall. Hypnotherapy and Counseling also available. ***House Parties*** can be for 3 to 9 guests…it's a good party idea for this Holiday Season. I also can do groups of 15 to 20 [call Alyn]. I'm available to be a Guest Speaker for your Club or Organization.

MINI-SESSIONS with me are available at **Willoughby's Restaurant**[122nd & Harlem] on **Dec 3rd & 17th** and **Oak Forest Bowl**[152nd & S. Cicero] on **Dec 15th**, all starting at 7PM. By appt/walk in's Welcome. Call my office at ***708-597-5066*** or ***597-6721*** Send for a Free Brochure of my Services at P.O. Box 802, Oak Lawn, IL 60454 or call us. ***Numerology/Astrology Profiles* reduced to $9.50** for the Holidays [+$3 S&H]. Visit ***TheDailyPsychic.Com and JackiMari.Com***

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Orland Park Winter Wonderland Debut

Monday, December 8th at 6 p.m., Mayor Dan McLaughlin and the Village Board of Trustees will officially cut the ribbon to open Orland Park's new Winter Wonderland at Centennial Park, 15600 West Avenue.

The 192-acre Centennial Park will be transformed into a breathtaking Winter Wonderland this season. Holiday lights and decorations will be on display along Fun Drive as you enter the park.

The entire community is invited to the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony featuring the illumination of holiday decorations on Fun Drive, Artic Ice Skaters performing on the new ice rink and free hot dogs and cocoa will be served to the first 200 guests. Open skating will be available until the park closes at 9 p.m.

Centennial Park will be the center of winter sports in the village, offering for the first time ice skating, sledding and cross country skiing. There is no charge to bring your own equipment. Skates and cross-country skis may be rented for a nominal fee during staffed hours. The park is open until 9 p.m. in the evening.

Mayor McLaughlin said, "I think there is a real need for ice skating, sledding and skiing opportunities in our community and Centennial Park is the perfect location for people to enjoy these winter sports. Both the sledding hill and ice skating rink will have lights and we're building a warming house. It will be a great place for the entire family to enjoy." He added, "Now, we just need it to snow."

Orland Park's Winter Wonderland at Centennial Park will be open from December 8, 2003 through March 20, 2004. The park is open for ice skating, sledding and cross-country skiing until 9:00 p.m. The warming house and skate rental will be open Monday through Friday, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The warming house and skate rental will also be open from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on school holidays. There is no fee to use the park. Rental fees are $2.00 for skates, $1.00 for helmets, and $5.00 for cross-country skis with a photo ID.

For more information and a complete schedule, please call the Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-7275.

Pictured left to right, Michelle Allen and Edward Francies. They are two individual parishioners of Basilica of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in east Garfield Park who are member of the Secular Order of the Servants of Mary Religious Order.

Improv Night

The Youth Services Department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grades 6 – 12 to stop in for Improv Night Tuesday, December 16 from 7:00 – 8:15pm. No registration required. For additional information, call the Youth Services Department at 532-0160 x125. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

People you should know making news

by Annette Dixon

Michelle Allen, former writer for Sun Times Newspaper has been a active parishioner of the Basilica all of her life. She was proud to tell that her grandparents were the first generation of family members 50 years ago to be active member of the church. Since then, four generations have continued to follow in Sheldon and Pauline Herring's way of life. There are currently 30 members of the family active in the church. All of them either are involved within the mass or on committees or servicing the Servite Order within the Parish. The youngest member is 11 years old. Michelle stated, "of the 165 members, we have many young people involved. We are bringing in more young people than ever before into our parish."

When introduced to Edward Francies, his educations and profession was working in a home for youth. This explains the great combination of talents and dedication two religious people have to center their lives for others.

Edward first met Father Frank Falco seventeen years ago, he first volunteered then put in a few day a week at the Basilica. He was encapsulated with the Basilica that he became the Ecumenical Community Developer for eight years.

What a wholesome life these two people have within themselves! Call on them, they will be happy to either give you a tour or the Basilica or give you a booklet for a self-guided tour. The Shrine is located at 3121 W. Jackson Blvd. in Chicago and the phone number is 312-638-5800. (Mass Stipends and donations are accepted) editors comment.

Hillcrest Holiday Concert December 10

The Hillcrest High School Band, under the direction of Mr. Keith Anderson, will present "Holiday Extravaganza", Holiday music for the entire family, on Wednesday, December 10, at 7pm. in the Hillcrest High School cafeteria. The concert will also feature the talents of the Hillcrest High School Choir under the direction of Mr. Delwin Roland.

The admission is: Adults, $3.00, Students with I.D. and senior citizens, $1.00, Children 5 and under, free.

All are invited to support the Hawks musicians.

Two Marist Mission Committee members sort donated food for area families.

Successful Thanksgiving food drive at Marist

The Marist High School Mission Committee worked hard during the month of November to collect donations for the 2003 Thanksgiving Food Drive. Marist students and staff donated an enormous amount of food. The food drive wrapped up on November 20 with the Mission successfully providing the makings for a Thanksgiving feast to area families in-need.

Mission Committee members sorted hundreds of food items and purchased turkeys that will help 12 families throughout our community have a bountiful holiday. The Committee will support the same 12 families throughout the year with the Christmas Clothing drive and Easter Food Drive.

The Mission Committee is made up students who are dedicated to making a difference. Through daily homeroom collections and special fundraising efforts, mission members encourage their peers to reach out to those who have less of the necessities of life.

Celebrating 40 years of excellence, Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street in Chicago, is a Catholic, college preparatory school educating young men and women in heart, mind, and body.

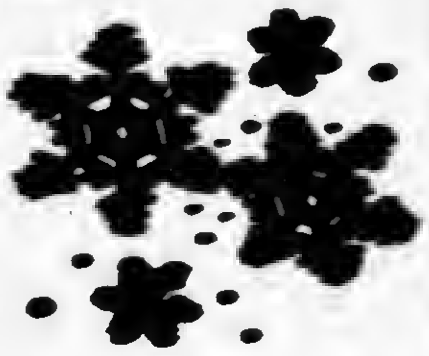
Photo Caption: Two Marist Mission Committee members sort donated food for area families.

Evergreen Park Library has special tree

The Evergreen Park Library has A Special Mitten Tree. Community members are invited to bring a new pair of mittens, gloves, hats or scarf to hang on the Evergreen Park Library Tree in the library entrance.

Bins located at the doors will collect donations of non-perishable food and cash donations will be accepted at the front desk. Proceeds will benefit the Evergreen Park Village Pantry. Please be generous.

On December 3rd at 7pm the Evergreen Park Library Holiday Tree trim will be held at the site 9400 S. Troy. The Evergreen Park Community High School Madrigal singers provide musical accompaniment. Persons can bring a family ornament or the library will supply one to place on the tree. Holiday goodies will be served. The Evergreen Park Public Library Foundation is selling Holiday Specs a holographic 3D lenses that magically transforms lights to magical messages. There are six designs to choose from and proceeds benefit the Foundation. Call 422-8552 for information.



Hillcrest presents the 'tooth' by Scrooge

The Hillcrest High School Drama Club, under the direction of Mrs. Andrea Towns and Mrs. Jean Lewis, will present the production "Scrooge tells the tooth, the whole tooth, and nothing but the tooth".

This entertaining and educational Christmas play will be presented on Thursday, December 11, 2003 at 6:30 pm in the Hillcrest High School cafeteria. The cost is $6.00 for adults and $3.00 for students with I.D. Senior citizens 62 and over as well as children 2 and under are free.

Director Towns explains that with acting, comedy, music, songs and dance, this stage production addresses common misconceptions about dental care. It focuses on the value of a healthy smile, and how the care of teeth and gums affects the total health of the body. It will show how all this will help to build self-esteem and pride in one's self as well as bring family and friends closer during the Christmas Holiday.

The Hillcrest student cast members include: From Country Club Hills: Ralph Ash, Ramon Ash, Brittany Bennett, Latisha Chamberlain, Bobby Cooks, Ebony Cooks, Shanika Harris, Shantel Lay, Larimun Logan, Cameron Mallard, Gerita McFadden, Mykah Marsalis, Joyce Parker, Ashley Price, Tytiana Thomas.

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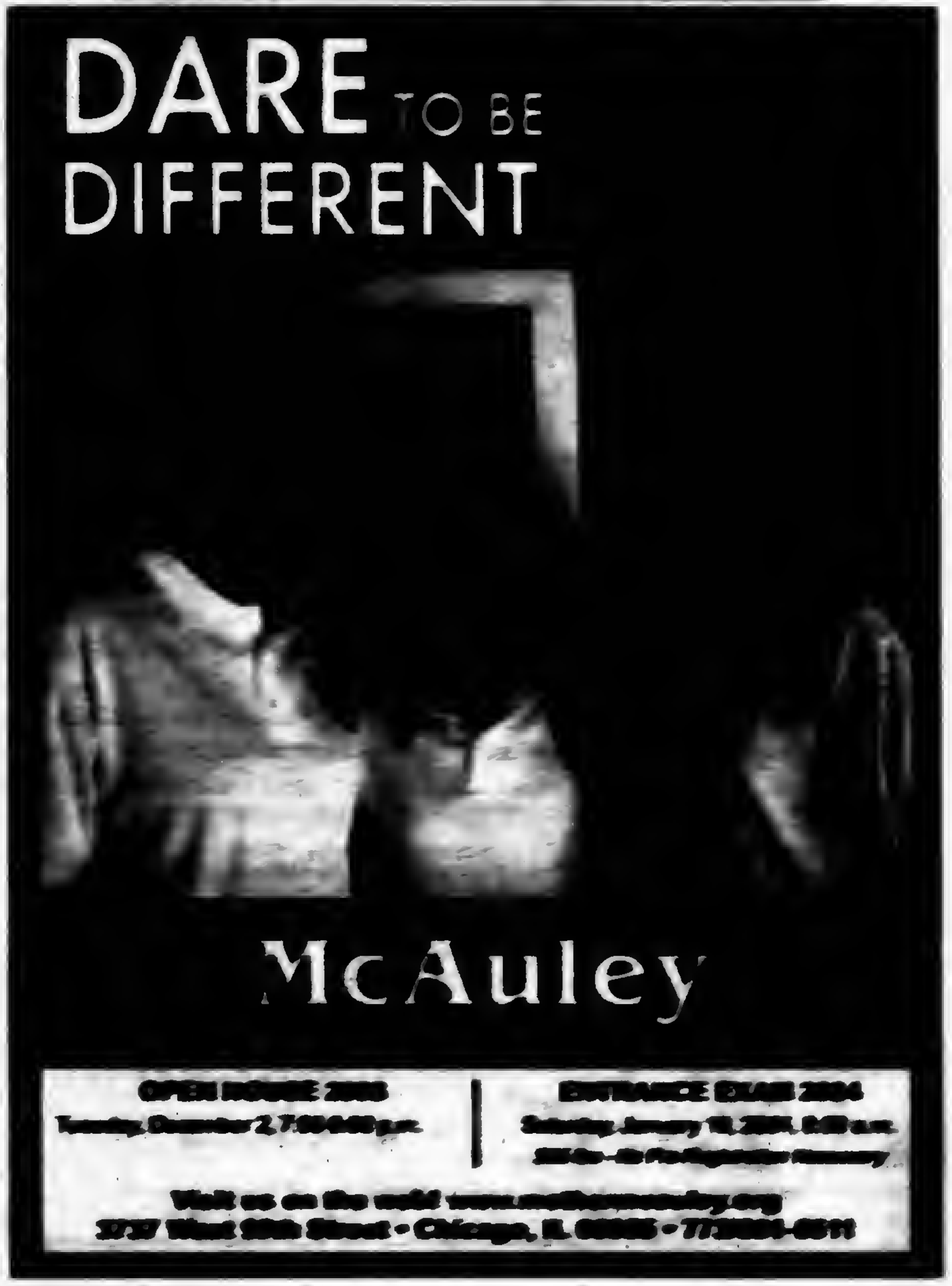

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Simbang Gabi 2003

Photo: St. Bernadette coordinators Lucy Detong, Dr. Remy Natividad and Marijo Doody

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Catholic tradition of celebrating a novena (series of nine) of Advent evening masses. It is meant to help the Filipino-American and other Catholics in the area to intensify their spiritual preparation for the grace filled celebration of Christmas.

The nine host parishes invite the parishioners, families and friends to celebrate with worship and fellowship beginning each night at 7 pm. The dates and hosting parishes are as follows: December 15, St Linus Church, 10300 Lawler Ave, Oak Lawn; December 16, St. Julie Billiart, 7399 159th Street, Tinley Park; December 17, St. Christopher, 14641 Keeler, Midlothian; December 18, St. Fabian, 8300 Thomas, Bridgeview.

December 19, St. Bernadette, 9445 Francisco, Evergreen Park; December 20, St. Francis of Assisi, Orland Park; December 21, St. Dennis, 8301 S. St. Louis, Chicago; December 22, St. Damian, 5220 155th Street, Oak Forest; December 23, St. Laurence O'Toole, 4101 Lawrence Ave., Matteson.

Each parish has coordinators for the individual liturgical celebrations. Angie Libunao is the Community Administrator (708-461-5621). Rev. Alfredo Salera, previously at St. Bernadette, Evergreen Park, is Spiritual Director.

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Singles events planned

On December 13th, Saturday, we will go to see Holiday Magic at Brookfield Zoo at 4:00 P.M.

Don't monkey around this holiday season, spread some cheer at Brookfield Zoo. We leave St. Mary's south parking lot at 4:00 P.M. General admission is $8, parking is $8. Drivers are obviously needed! For more info call Lucy Stevens at 773-778-4234 after 7 P.M. or call Steve Doyle at 708-269-9482 or e-mail at doyle77@yahoo.com.

On December 27th, Saturday we will meet for Breakfast at Petro's at 9:30 A.M.

With all the holiday hustle and bustle, how about joining us for a relaxing breakfast at Petro's on 91st and Pulaski. Meet us there at 9:30 A.M. Contact John Bobek at 773-585-8242 for more info or to register.

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The pantry is especially in need of the following: all kinds of pasta and pasta sauces, canned vegetables and fruits, canned meats and canned fish, coffee, sugar, cake mixes, cereals, and soap and laundry supplies, as well as paper products.

Since the Food Pantry is stocked with non-perishable items, monetary donations are always welcome, enabling us to assist the clients to obtain perishable items, such as milk, fresh produce, bread, etc.

With winter upon us, and particularly the Holidays, we would like to see the pantry well-stocked for any, and all, who might be in need.

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Award-Winning Tastes

Answering the "What's for dinner?" question isn't always an easy task. When you're looking for a fresh idea, adding an unexpected twist to a popular recipe or using some of your favorite ingredients in a different way can produce some amazingly delicious results. When a leading brand of canned mixed vegetables sponsored a national recipe contest recently, judges were impressed with the culinary creativity contestants brought to the table. The results are award-winning tastes that will earn blue ribbon accolades from your family and friends. Try one of these original recipes tonight and enjoy the versatility of canned mixed vegetables!

Piña Colada Beef Curry

— Mary Lou Newhouse, South Burlington, Vt.

1 large onion, chopped
1 teaspoon prepared chopped garlic
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 pound boneless sirloin, sliced into 2- x 1- x 1/8-inch strips
1 tablespoon curry powder
1 cup unsweetened coconut milk
1 teaspoon chili powder
1 can (14.5 ounces) diced tomatoes, drained
2 cans (15 ounces each) Veg-All Original Mixed Vegetables, drained
1 cup fresh or canned pineapple chunks
1/2 cup chopped cilantro

1. In large skillet, saute onion and garlic in vegetable oil over medium-high heat until tender.
2. Add sirloin strips and brown over high heat for about 5 minutes.
3. Stir in remaining ingredients except cilantro.
4. Bring to boil. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer on low heat 15 minutes.
5. Serve in large soup bowls garnished with cilantro.

Serving suggestion: Serve with rice or couscous. Shredded coconut may also be sprinkled over top when serving.

Servings: 5 **Prep time: 10 minutes**
Cook time: 20 minutes

Crabby Veggie Quiche

— Jack Simson, Buffalo, N.Y.

1 9-inch refrigerated pie crust
4 ounces shredded Swiss cheese
2 cans (4.5 ounces each) crabmeat, drained
2 slices crisp cooked bacon, crumbled
2 scallions (or green onions), sliced
1 can (15 ounces) Veg-All Original Mixed Vegetables, drained
3 eggs
1 1/2 cups half-and-half
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
Pinch of parsley
Pinch of garlic powder
Dash of ground nutmeg
Fresh parsley or dill
Lemon slices or wedges

1. Preheat oven to 425°F. Prepare pie crust according to package directions for a one-crust filled pie.
2. Place crust in 12-inch quiche dish. Spread cheese, crabmeat, bacon, scallions, and mixed vegetables in pie crust.
3. In medium mixing bowl, beat eggs, half-and-half, and spices. Pour egg mixture over other ingredients.
4. Bake 15 minutes at 425°F; turn oven back to 325°F and bake an additional 20 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.
5. Garnish with fresh parsley or dill and lemon slices.

Servings: 6 **Prep time: 20 minutes**
Cook time: 45 to 60 minutes

For additional winning recipes and to sign up for the "Recipe of the Month Club" that e-mails one new recipe a month to members, please visit www.veg-all.com.

Greek Style Salad With Lemon Pepper Dressing — [illegible], Aliquippa, Pa.

1/4 cup pine nuts
3 cups water
1/2 cup uncooked orzo pasta
1 can (15 ounces) Veg-All Original Mixed Vegetables, drained
1/2 cup diced red pepper
1/2 cup diced green pepper
Lettuce
1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
1/4 cup quartered black olives
2 scallions (or green onions), thinly sliced
1 teaspoon whole cumin seeds
1/4 teaspoon dried dill weed

Dressing:
1/4 cup olive oil
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon lemon pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt

Garnish:
1 medium cucumber, peeled and sliced 10 to 20 grape tomatoes

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Bake pine nuts for 4 minutes; set aside.
2. In 3 cups boiling water, cook orzo pasta for 9 minutes. Drain and rinse with cold water. Let stand in strainer.
3. In small mixing bowl, mix all ingredients for dressing; set aside.
4. In large salad bowl, toss all ingredients for salad except lettuce. Add dressing; mix well.
5. Serve on bed of lettuce; garnish with cucumber slices and grape tomatoes.

Servings: 6 Prep time: 20 minutes

Easy Leftover Chicken and Kielbasa Pie — Mary E. Briggs, Whitman, Mass.

1 package (16 ounces) kielbasa ring or links
1 can (10.75 ounces) cream of mushroom soup
3 tablespoons milk, divided
1 package (1 ounce) dry onion soup mix
2 cans (15 ounces each) Veg-All Original Mixed Vegetables, drained
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
2 cups leftover chicken, cut into bite-sized pieces
2 ready-to-bake 9-inch pie crusts
1 tablespoon light brown sugar

1. In medium pot, boil kielbasa for 10 minutes on high heat. When cool, slice into bite-size pieces and set aside.
2. Preheat oven to 350°F.
3. In large bowl, mix mushroom soup,
2 tablespoons milk, and onion soup mix.
Add mixed vegetables; sprinkle with pepper and garlic salt. Add precooked leftover chicken and kielbasa; fold all together and set aside.
4. Place one pie shell in pie plate. Poke several holes in bottom with fork. Brush with lemon juice. Sprinkle brown sugar evenly on shell.
5. Spoon filling into crust.
6. Place second shell on top of filling and pinch edges. Make several holes on top — be creative! Brush lightly with remaining milk.
7. Bake for 45 minutes or until bubbly around edges.

Serving suggestion: Serve with salad and bread.

Servings: 6 Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 45 minutes

The secret to enjoying the holidays is to eat a little of everything, so that you don't feel deprived, but use common sense and moderation. Don't over-indulge, and you won't have to buy a new wardrobe in January.

Gourmet Garden New Herbs and Spices

Gourmet Garden New Herbs and Spices make it possible for the cook to create tasty meals without hassle.

Through a new Australian patented technology you can enjoy your favorite fresh herbs and spices. They stay fresh for three months in your fridge and six months in the freezer.

Dominick's carry the product in the fresh produce section in six flavors: Basil, Garlic, Chili, Cilantro, Ginger and lemongrass. They come in 4-ounce clear tube packages and retail for $4.49 each.

9 Secrets to Achieving your New Years Resolutions

By Bill Dueease

It's that time of year where many people list New Years Resolutions. Most people list a whole host of New Years Resolutions with high hopes and aspirations to get them done in the coming year.

Yet, studies have shown that the average person abandons his or her resolutions within 6 weeks. The feelings failure and disappointment resulting from not completing your resolutions do not have to occur. In fact, if you follow the following 9 steps, you will not only feel better about yourself, but you will reap the personal rewards of actually accomplishing your New Years Resolutions this year.

1. Turn your Resolutions into future goals. Set positive goals that represent future accomplishments, as opposed to referring to the past or being negative. For example: set the goal of reaching a weight of 158 pounds, as opposed to I will stop gaining weight. Another example would be: set the goal of getting your ideal income position, as opposed to: I will stop complaining about my job.

2. Set goals that have an unmistakable target. You want your goals to be clearly defined so you will know exactly when they have been accomplished. Avoid open ended or vague goals. For example: set the goal of being free from smoking for 100 consecutive days, as opposed to I will stop smoking.

3. Set goals that mean the most to YOU. Make your goals very personal and very valuable to you when achieved. Set goals that have the highest personal priority to you. Avoid setting goals to please others or because you feel you should. Goals set to appease others are really tasks and are best left off your resolutions list.

4. Commit yourself to achieving your goals. If you are not committed to achieving a goal, drop it. If a goal is not worthy of your full commitment, it is not worth the bother. Dropping a goal because you are not committed is not a failure or a reason to be disappointed. It is a very practical and responsible thing to do. You will release more energy and time to accomplish the more important goals you ARE committed to.

5. Separate your goals into two groups.

A. Group A includes goals that require you to improve and grow as a person to achieve them. Some examples would be: Improve as a leader to direct your team to a 75% growth, or Discover and get your ideal income position where you "Go to Play" every day, or Organize your life to attend all of your sons baseball games.

B. Group B includes goals that do not require you to improve or grow as a person to achieve them. These are goals that are external to your personal growth, but can still be important. Some examples would be: Complete your tax returns by March 30, or build a personal web site by August 15, or have the house painted by September 3.

6. Connect with someone you trust to accomplish Group A Goals. Growing and improving, as a person is not a self-help process. You will need assistance from another person to achieve your goals in Group A. But not just any person will do. Get the best assistance you can find by connecting with a partner who will care enough about you to be objective, who you trust enough to reveal your struggles to find positive solutions, and who respects you enough to constantly keep you accountable to assist you to accomplish your goals in Group A. By having such a strong partnership, you will be virtually assured of achieving these goals.

7. Consider (very strongly) in getting expert help to accomplish the goals in Group B. Since you are not required to change or improve as a person to accomplish the goals in Group B, you may want to have experts accomplish them for you, and probably do it better than you would. Remember it is the completion of the goals in Group B that counts, not that YOU have to personally accomplish them. If one of your goals is to paint the house, you might consider hiring an expert house painter to paint the house for you, so you can focus on your goals that need your personal involvement (like those in Group A).

8. Personally celebrate the achievement of each goal. Rejoice with someone who cares about you and who understands the importance of each goal. Do so immediately when the goal has been completed. Your goals mean a lot to you and you want to maximize the rewards and feelings of accomplishment when each are completed. For example, celebrate 60 smoke free days by treating yourself to a fine meal with someone who understands what it meant to you; celebrate the painting of your house with a house party, even though it was done by your expert house painter.

9. Feel free to add new goals to your list. You will want to add new goals (resolutions) as you complete old ones, or you will want to adjust the goals you have to meet new circumstances. Why wait until the beginning of each year to plot and achieve your most important achievements? Make goal settings and achievements a year round successful and enjoyable process.

This year, have fun with your New Years Resolutions and enjoy the rewards of actually achieving them.

Provided as an educational service by Bill Dueease of The Coach Connection, where "connecting great people with great coaches" is their goal. You may receive a free copy of the article "The Ten Paths to Human Improvement" by contacting The Coach Connection at 800-887-7214 or 239-415-1777 or coaches@findyourcoach.com or www.findyourcoach.com/0o-career-coach.htm.

Hilton Oak Lawn Hosts Santa Breakfast

Sunday December 14th, 2003 the Hilton Oak Lawn will host the 3rd annual Santa Breakfast. There are two seating times: 10am and 1pm. Adults $15 and children under 7 [illegible] and under 3 free.

They are collecting toys for Hope Children's Hospital. Bring new, unwrapped toys. No stuffed toys. Donations are accepted until December 14 at the Hilton Call 708-229-8850 for reservations.

Green Hill Public Library has December date change

The board of Trustees of the Green Hills Public Library, 8611 W. 103rd St., Palos Hills has changed the date and time of the December regular meeting. The December regular meeting will be held Wednesday, December 10, at 9:30 a.m. at KoKo's Pancake House in Hickory Hills.

New Creations Band plays for Aglow

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, December 11, 2003 at the Oak Lawn Holiday Inn (room off lobby), 4140 W. 95th Street, Oak Lawn. Note: this is a new location.

This meeting will be a celebration of Christmas and Jesus' Birthday, with good food, friends, fellowship and music. New Creations Band, a music ministry, dedicated to spreading the love of Jesus to all God's people is returning to entertain and minister. Led by the chapters, Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Linda Du Puy, New Creations has ministered at St. Charles Boys Correctional Facility (prison), Oak Lawn Community Church, St. Germaine Church, The Senior's Club (an adult day care), Oak Lawn Kiwanis, True Kindred (a fraternal organization), and Aglow picnics and meetings. Every month they lead praise and worship for Rejoice Ministry's rallies in Oak Brook.

Please note our new location. Bring a $5.00 Grab Bag gift if you with to participate.

Bring a friend to help you start off the Holiday season with the right spirit. One of love, joy, and praise to our Father for sending his son to us.

Dinner tickets are $12.50, available at 6:30 pm at the door. Children are $5.00 Dinner is served promptly at 7:00 pm. For reservations and/or additional information, please call June at (708) 424-1656 immediately.

Aglow International is an inter-denominational organization of renewed Christian women, with over 2,600 fellowships which regularly hold meetings, retreats, and conferences on six continents. Aglow holds bible studies and publishes leadership training materials, books, and tracts, reaching out to women in prisons and hospitals, teenage girls, with intercessory prayer groups, and support groups.

Two Bremen students named national scholarship winners

Bremen seniors Kevin Waicekauskas and Kristin James have been named semifinalists for National Achievement Scholarship program.

Kevin is one of 16,000 semifinalists who have qualified for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Over 1.3 million students from 21,000 high schools entered the competition. Semifinalists are selected based on test scores. Kevin now has the opportunity to advance in competition for $32 million in Merit Scholarships awarded next spring to about 8,000 finalists.

Kristin has been named a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship's 40th annual academic competition for black high school students. Only 1,600 are chosen to compete for the 775 Achievement Scholarships worth a total of $2.7 million. The finalists will be notified in the spring. Kristin was one of only 77 Chicago area semifinalists chosen.

"We are extremely proud of Kevin and Kristin for this scholastic achievement and we wish them well in the final competition," said Bremen High School Principal Dr. Marcia Mendenhall.

There's snow better time to read! The Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy host a book discussion for adults on the last Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. The group will meet a week early on December 17 to accommodate the Christmas holiday to discuss "Empire Falls" by Richard Russo. Copies of the book are available at the library and can be checked out one month prior to the meeting date. Call 422-8522

Tinley Park Public Library news

Read N' Rant

The Youth Services Department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grades 10 through 12 to join a new book discussion group that will meet on Tuesday, December 9 from 7:30 – 8:30 pm. Register and pick up the discussion book beginning November 25. For additional information, phone 532-0160 ext. 125. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

International Winter Holidays

The Youth Services Department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites kids ages 8 through 11 to celebrate winter by exploring holiday customs of various cultures with food, decorations, and games Wednesday, December 17 from 7:00 – 8:15 pm. Registration begins Monday, December 1 at the library or by phoning 532-0160 ext. 125. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Imagination Station Great Bag Puppets

The Youth Services Department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites children ages 7 through 9 to have fun "on stage" with their very own, uniquely created giant bag puppet Friday, December 12 from 4:00 –5:00 pm. Registration begins Monday, December 1 at the library or by phoning 532-0-160 ext. 125. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Quilting Trunk Show

Riffice will display a variety of quilts, from small wall hangings to large bed coverlets, and discuss her progress in this creative endeavor at the Tinley Park Public Library Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 pm. Quilting tips will also be provided. Register at the library or by phoning 532-0160 x4 beginning Monday, December 1. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at ww.tplibrary.org.

Arts Alive Concert

Take a break from holiday shopping, and join us for a festive concert that is sure to bring cheer and delight Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 pm at the Tinley Park Public Library, 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Register at the library or by phoning 532-0160 x4 beginning Monday, December 1. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

The Tinley Park Public Library Board will meet Wednesday, December 3 at 7:00 pm in the library meeting room. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org. Phone 532-0160 ext. 8 for additional information.

Lavender Cabaret at the Lakeshore Theater

The Lavender Cabaret tantalizes audiences at the Lakeshore Theater with the newest burlesque "Femme TV" beginning December 5 at 10:30pm. The program runs three Fridays in December at the theater 3175 W. Broadway, Chicago.

"Femme TV" employs the elements of traditional girlie shows blended with parodies from cable shows, cooking shows plus saucy TV commercials. The ladies ravish the senses with a flash of flesh, legs, garters, lace, fishnet and heels.

"Femme TV" is set to music by combining classical burlesque with contemporary electronic sounds of hip-hop, tech and industrial reverberations. The audience must be over 18. The theater box office is 773-472-3492 and tickets are $20. The Lakeshore Theater presents all forms of live entertainment including plays, musicals, concerts, dance and children 's programming. For more information visit the web www.lakeshoretheater.com.

HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR!

NOBLE FOOL

at Pleasant Run Resort & Spa

by Marijo Doody

The inaugural season of the new theater at Pheasant Run in St. Charles began with the holiday production of The Swordsmen's Holiday Spectacular! This is a new chapter in the history of Chicago theaters and the Fox River Valley.

Pheasant Run Resort has more than three decades of successes in producing top-caliber live theater.

The theater includes state of the art three-tiered stadium, and seats better than three hundred and offers excellent sight lines. The sound and light are technologically advanced. The new setting demanded a new level of entertainment and the Pheasant Run Resort is pleased to bring productions of Chicago's acclaimed Noble Fool Theater Company.

The Noble Fool Theater Company is changing the world through laughter. The theater arts and vast cannon of comedy puts forth the voices of all Fools from yesterday, today and tomorrow, and in a manner conductive of a greater community of joy.

The two actors in the production are David Wooley and Douglas Mumaw. They met in 1988 through a mutual friend. It was then that "The Swordsmen" was created and they performed as Dirk and Guido. Over the past ten years they performed in "Renaissance Faires" around the country. Chicago area has them in the summer from July through September.

In the Noble Fools 2001 fundraiser and in the 2002 short run in the downtown Olympic village of comedy, the actors created material for the "Holiday Spectacular" for 2003.

Mumaw (Dirk) acting credits include Captain Hook, The Three Musketeers, Blackbeard and Snow White. In choreography include, Man of LaMancha and Romeo and Juliet. As a Professor of Movement include at Ohio University, include teacher/artist at James Madison University and as a guest teacher/artist include at Longwood College. In the theater notes, he credits his mother and father for support when things looked bad and for a house filled with laughter and thanks dad for the strength to do what I love.

Woolley (Guido) is a veteran of Chicago theaters as a performer and fight director. He is a graduate of Goodman School of Drama and DePaul University. He is a Fight Master with the Society of American Fight Directors and an artist in residence at Columbia College, Chicago.

He has been Guido for 14 years for an average of six months of the year on tours that took them to both coasts. At the Next Theater he received a Jeff citation. Locally he has been in Ladies in Waiting, Peter Pan, Rumplestiltskin and the Nutcracker.

He choreographed over 150 productions as a Fight Director and in 1988 received the Joseph Jefferson Award for Excellence in Stage Combat Choreography and received the Off-Loop Theater Award for Best Fight Direction.

Woolley teaches at Columbia College. He especially thanks his wife for love and support as a Bold and Stupid Man.

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Drury Lane's final show

by Marijo Doody

John R. Lazzara and Richard Porter proudly present the final show "Celebration on Ice" at Drury Lane, Evergreen Park.

"Celebration on Ice" with world champion skaters starring Frank Pisani singer/impressionist, Jonathan Payette, Cheyne Coppage, Erin Covington and Amy Forbes is the last production in the 50 plus years of theater there in the southwest suburbs.

The skating was spectacular, costumes breathtaking and staging wonderful. The male principle Payette loves to skate and has appeared in shows including "Disney on Ice" and the past two years "Holiday on Ice".

The adagio pair Coppage and Covington was graceful and is grateful to perform at Drury Lane's Theater. The choreographer Forbes and female principle is a hometown favorite and has performed around the country. She was exquisite in form and ballet ice dance.

The show-stopper was the ending which was a tribute to the troops in the various military branches serving the great USA on the sea, land and the air. This author, like many in the audience had tears in the eyes.

In the last part of the program a tribute to the Martinique Drury Lane was shown on a screen. Many people in the audience I am sure have fond memories of this place of joy.

Medical update

In the October 7, 2003 issue of The Village View News a photo of "Daisey" was presented in a story on pet therapy.

We are pleased to report that Daisey and handler are included in the Advocate Christ Medical Center new pet therapy program begun in November 2003 at Advocate Hope Children, 4440 W. 95th Street, Oak Lawn.

Research shows that pet therapy helps prevent anxiety and depression in-patients and enhances wellness. Congratulations to Daisey and handlers for this worthwhile work.

Tribute to American Troops at Drury Lane

Dance & Theater

By Marijo Doody

Ballet Chicago

Ballet Chicago, home of the Ballet Chicago Studio Company and The School of Ballet Chicago, continues its wonderful holiday tradition by presenting three performances of the highly anticipated classic at Chicago's historic Athenaeum Theater, Saturday December 20, 2003 at 1:00pm and 5:00pm, and Sunday, December 21, 2003 at 3:00pm. This is ideal for families with children.

The two-act ballet tells the story of young Marie who receives a Nutcracker Doll on Christmas Eve from a mysterious uncle. After festivities, the young girl falls asleep with her Nutcracker doll and dreams of dancing mice and all sorts of things. The production's original choreography is by Daniel Duell and Pat Blair and features the classical Sugarplum Fairy pas de deux choreographed by George Balanchine.

Tickets are $12-$25 and may be purchased by phone at 312-902-1500 or at the box office, 2936 North Southport in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood.

Christmas Around the World

Enjoy holiday magic at the Museum of Science and Industry as the Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light celebrate the globe. Completing the display are a series of performances, running from November 22 to January 4 in the Museum's West Court.

December schedule is as follows: December 13, Hawaii (11am) Scotland (12:15pm), China (1:30pm), Greece (2:45pm), December 14, Latvia (12:15pm), Philippines (1:30pm), Hyde Park Symphony (2:45 pm).

December 20, Serbia (11am) Germany (12:15pm), Puerto Rico (1:30pm), Romania (2:45pm). December 21, Poland (12:15pm), Croatia (1:30pm and Mexico (2:45pm.).

Christmas Around the World started in 1942 as a United Nations salute to American allies during World War II. The newest trees in the display are Bosnia and Russia.

The Museum of Science and Industry showcases the importance of diversity in seasons of celebrating heritage. The celebration of the winter holidays brings together the comforts of family, home and a spectrum of traditions the best, which includes good old-fashioned cooking. "Season of Celebrating", is a collection of time-honored recipes shared by members of Chicago's ethnic communities.

A "Season of Celebrating" can be purchased online at www.msichicago.org, or by calling 773-684-9844, ext. 2476.

The Museum of Science and Industry's mission is to inspire the inventive genius in everyone. It is located at 57th Street and lake Shore Drive, just minutes from downtown Chicago. Museum of Science and Industry hours are 9:30am until 4pm Monday through Saturday and 11am until 4pm on Sundays. General admission is $9 for adults, $7.50 for seniors and $5 for children ages 3-11.

Chicago Symphony News

Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association announced that the Opening Night celebration raised $600,000 for the Musicians Pension Fund. Symphony center rings in the holidays with one of the world's most acclaimed a cappella ensembles, Chanticleer. The performance is in the beautiful Fourth Presbyterian Church located at 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago. The group celebrated its 25th year and has 27 recordings to its credit.

Legendary flamenco guitarist Paco DeLucia will perform on February 16, 2004. The concert is part of the Instituto Cervantes de Chicago's Flamenco 2004 festival and marks Paco DeLucia's return to Symphony Center following his thrilling performance in 1998. Paco DeLucia was born in Spain and gave his first performance at the age of eleven. His father and older brother both played guitar.

Broadway in Chicago

Broadway in Chicago will present Urinetown The Musical, Broadway's Tony award-winning musical phenomenon. It was the winner of the 2002 Tony Awards Triple Crown for best music, best book and best direction.

The play is at the Shubert Theater from December 9 to 21, 2003. Tickets for Urinetown, The Musical which range in price from $26 to $75, are available at all Broadway In Chicago Box Offices (22 W. Monroe St. 24 W. Randolph St. and 151 W. Randolph St. Chicago). The performance schedule is as follows: Tuesday at 7:30pm, Wednesday at 2 and 7:30pm; Thursday at 7:30pm; and Friday at 8:00pm; Saturdays at 2 and 8pm; and Sundays at 2 and 7:30pm.

Thodos and Dancers Photo by Marc Hauser, courtesy of Dance Chicago Melissa Thodos and Dancers will appear in the Orland Park Arts Commission's December 6th production of "Dance, Orland Park!" For more information, call 708/403-6140.

Santa & the Snowman are facing off in Chicago

Santa & the Snowman are facing off in Chicago! A number of wacky holiday competitions will take place this December to see who will come out on top in the Santa vs. the Snowman.

To see who comes out victorious in the coming weeks, Chicago spectators are invited to witness a series of competitions around the city, from ice cream eating, to golfing, to gift-wrapping. Chicago spectators will be eligible to enter to win a Navy Pier IMAX Theater gift package, including a years' worth of tickets and treats from Ghirardelli, Bloomingdale's and the Diversey Driving Range.

Tuesday, November 25, 2pm to 4pm, Chicago spectators will see Santa & The Snowman take to the ice on the opening day of McCormick Tribune Ice Skating Rink, 55 N. Michigan. Tuesday December 2 Santa & The Snowman will be working behind the counter at Ghirardelli Chocolate Shop, 830 N. Michigan serving sundaes and other goodies. The ice cream contest is at noon. A portion of the goods sold that day will go to Children's Memorial Hospital.

The battle for the longest drive will be Friday December 4 noon to 4pm at the Diversey Driving Range, at 141 W. Diversey Pkwy. Dimples the famous Chicago Park District golf mascot is the judge.

On Friday December 12 7am to 9am, Santa will challenge the Snowman to a series of athletic competitions in-studio on WGN-TV. At Noon Santa & The Snowman will end the competition with the gift-wrapping contest at Bloomingdale, 900 N. Michigan, level 6 in B kids.

Santa vs the Snowman 3D is currently playing at the Navy Pier IMAX Theater. It runs through January 4 2004 at the Theater, 700 E. Grand on Navy Pier. Tickets are $10 adults, $9 seniors and $8 children. For both tickets and show-times, call the Theater 312-595-5MAX.

Suburb To Host "Dance, Orland Park!"

"We are very fortunate to have eight different genres included in the Orland Park show. This is a magnificent collection that will appeal to all ages, from the very young on up to our seniors," said Orland Park Arts Commissioner Colleen Panega, the coordinator of the village's dance event. A veteran of dance, Panega has more than twenty years in performing and teaching all types of dance. Since 1991, Panega has taught for the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department.

Panega continued, "The presentation includes ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop, ballroom, Irish dance, modern and performance art—a magnificent collection featuring the best performers in each genre."

This first for the Village of Orland Park will include M.A.D.D. Rhythms, Chicago's best tap company; Trinity Irish Dance Company; Ballroom dancers Gregory Day and Tommye Giacchino; and the River North Chicago Dance Company.

Melissa Thodos and Dancers will perform Paul Christiano's "Miracle Interrupted" Chicago's most acclaimed dance for the last two years. Instinct will perform with choreography by Gus Giordano and Jazz Dance Chicago's Jon Lehrer. The Dutch National Ballet will perform to music from "Road to Perdition," with choreography by Altin Naska. The CerquaRivera Art Experience will perform, as will Chicago's best hip-hop troupe, Culture Shock Chicago.

"We've also invited one of the best local performance groups to be a part of the presentation," Panega added. "Carl Sandburg High School's dance group, Orchesis, will be a part of the program that includes talent literally from throughout the world," she explained.

Advance tickets are available at Orland Park's Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. The cost is $22 for adults, $18 for seniors/students. Reserved seating is available and refunds/exchanges are not available. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door. For more information, call the Village of Orland Park at 7088/403-6140.

Chicago Jitterbug Club offers Lessons

The Chicago Jitterbugs are offering an "Introduction to Swing/ Jitterbug Dancing" with a two-week session of lessons in January 2004.

The fee is low, and partners are not necessary but are helpful. Call the hot-line at 708-388-JUMP. For added information contact Mary Lou at 708-597-5597.

Orland Park Theatre Troupe Adds Performance "It's A Wonderful Life"

The Orland Park Theatre Troupe, part of the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department, has added a fourth performance to its December presentation of "It's A Wonderful Life" because of rapid ticket sales.

"We've had a phenomenal response to this show already," said Executive Producer Irene Buikema, program supervisor for the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department.

"The originally scheduled performances are nearly sold out and the show is more than two weeks away so we decided to add a Saturday matinee to the line-up," Buikema added.

Performances will be Friday, December 12 at 8:00 P.M.; Saturday, December 13 at 2:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.; and Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 P.M.

Tickets are $12 for adults, $10 for seniors and $8 for children. Only general seating is available and performances are held in the Jane Barnes Annex of the Orland Park Civic Center, dedicated to the memory of William R. Vogel.

Advance tickets may be purchased at Orland Park's Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door.

For more information, call the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-7275.

The Beatification of Blessed Mother Teresa

By Mary Scannell

In October I had the privilege of traveling to Rome to attend the beatification of Mother Teresa and it was truly an experience of a lifetime. . Like thousands throughout the world, I have long admired the lifework and example of Mother Teresa. She founded the Society of the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta's slums in 1948. Together they have worked unselfishly to bring dignity to the destitute and dying in her adopted country, India.

Rome was jam packed with pilgrims from all over the world who were celebrating both Pope John Paul II's 25th anniversary and the Beatification of Mother Teresa. We were on the tour bus by 4:30 a.m. the morning of the beatification and rode into the city in the dark and cold of the morning. Because of the crowds the bus driver couldn't get near St. Peter's Square in the Vatican so we joined thousands of pilgrims walking to the gates of the Vatican. In the midst of the joyful and prayerful crowd we waited until 7:00 a.m. when the gates were opened. As the crowd moved forward it was only the angels that prevented us from being trampled. A few of us managed to lock arms and move together with the flow of thousands. Through the grace of God we were all carried into the square and found center seats. We waited there until the ceremony and Mass began at 10 a.m.

Inspirational music was played through the loud speakers for an hour before the service.. All of the cardinals, bishops and dignitaries (including the President of India) were seated up front on the steps of St. Peter Church. The first rows were reserved for Mother Teresa's homeless, many of whom are fed daily at her shelter near St. Peters. Many physically handicapped persons were seated there or on the aisles with the Missionaries of Charity. How appropriate it was to see the very people Mother Teresa had served, being honored on her special day.

Top row L-R: Mary Scannell (Evergreen Park), Father Peter Rookey (Chicago), Anne Goodpastor (EvergreenPark)
Bottom row L-R: Jack Brown (New York), Tony Pesevento (Beverly), Father Gus (Director of Padre Pio Shrine in Italy), Sandy Badke (Evergreen Park)

It was a sunny and eventually warm day and the spirit was festive.

At 10 a.m., when our Holy Father enter the center altar to begin Mass, the crowd jumped to their feet cheering and clapping enthusiastically. When he began Mass he had great difficulty speaking so, for the first time, a cardinal recited the prayers for him. His courageous struggle, despite his failing health, was heart wrenching. Mother Teresa's successor read scripture and spoke of the great love Calcutta had for the "Saint of the Gutters". She reminded us of Mother Teresa's words , We must make our homes centers of compassion and forgive endlessly". Indian women in saris bearing bowls of water, incense and flowers danced to traditional Indian music. They were graceful and prayerful as they offered their gifts at the altar. Mother Teresa's words, put to music, were sung during the Mass. Two particularly meaningful selections were: *Jesus is my Life* and *I Thirst.*

The service was deeply stirring. When the beatification was officially announced, a tapestry over the top center of the church was lifted to display an enormous painting of Blessed Mother Teresa smiling radiantly. We couldn't take our eyes off of it while the crowd roared with applause and joy. The overflow crowd stretched out of the Vatican into the streets as far as the Tiber River. At the conclusion of the Mass our Holy Father traveled through the crowds in his open air Pope mobile greeting and blessing the crowd.

What a gift to be present with God's children of all faiths and from all nations when this holy woman was beatified. Whatever our faith, we can all admire and model the courage and selfless love of these two modern heroes: Blessed Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II.

The scene at the Vatican (Rome) during the Beatification

Antiques & Collectibles

Collectibles That Hit the Spot

By Anita Gold

Q. I have a cigarette lighter which was a recent garage sale find, in the shape of a Coke bottle in the traditional brown Coke color. The top half of the bottle is removable revealing the lighter inside that's refillable. Would you have any clue as to its value? Also, can you tell me if the mini crates of green colored Coke bottles made of plastic (one of which I have measuring about 1-inch wide by 1 1/2-inches long) were sold separately or only came with the Coca-Cola toy trucks? Debbie San Gabriel, Edmond, OK

A. Such a bottle-shaped Coke lighter dates from the 1950s, is very common, and has a value of $30 if complete. Without the lighter it's sometimes called a "pill box" according to the latest 11th edition of "Petretti's Coca-Cola Collectibles Price Guide - The Encyclopedia Of Coca-Cola Collectibles" by Allan Petretti which covers hard-to-find information for countless items produced from the 1880s through the 1960s, available in a huge 687-page hardcover edition with more than 6,000 black and white and color photos, for $51.95 postpaid from Krause Publications, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990-0001. Phone 1-(800)-258-0929 toll free to order. Some toy Coca-Cola trucks came with the mini cases of plastic bottles which were not sold separately. However, such mini cases of bottles that went astray, would be of interest to collectors to replace those that may be missing. The value of a Coca Cola item depends on its rarity, desirability, and condition.

According to the November 19, 2003 issue of the Antique Trader, big bucks paid for Coca-Cola items on Oct. 19, 2003 at a Nostagia Publications sale, included a Coca Cola sample cooler which brought $10,450, an 1896 Coca-Cola calendar $7,150, a Coca-Cola topless woman Vienna Art plate $1,610, a 1907 Coca-Cola pretty lady calendar $11,000, a 1908 Coca-Cola pocket mirror $1,137, a circa 1901 Coca-Cola Welch schoolhouse clock $10,670, a circa 1926 Coca-Cola three-bottle display featuring a golfing couple $4,658, and a rare Coca Cola chewing gum sign which stretched out at $3,410, but the star of the sale was a circa 1914 pair of small cardboard advertising diecuts of a Dutch boy and girl each holding a pack of Coca-Cola chewing gum, which brought a whopping, eye popping $40,370 by gum.

For additional information regarding this and future sales, phone 201-488-4536. To subscribe to the Antique Trader - America's Weekly Antiques & Collectibles Marketplace, send $35 for 52 issues (1 full year) which includes a free 2004 Antique Trader Calendar, from Antique Trader , Circulation Dept., 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990-0001. Or phone 800-258-0929 toll free to order. Or visit: www.antiquetrader.com

Q. I have a toy rifle with the date 1884 carved into the stock which is wood, but the barrel, spring and trigger are apparently manufactured, as is the bayonet. It was given to me several years ago by a distant relative who was born in 1880 in Ohio, and who gave it to me shortly before his death in 1978. The rifle still works and can shoot a small projectile. How can I possibly find out its value? No one I've contacted and sent photos to, seems to know. Stanley Stephenson, Atwood, IL

A. It seems to me that the rifle might be a store model rather than a toy. To find out write gun rifle experts Richard Binger, Scott's Creek Armory, Inc. 2526 S. 475 W. Morgantown, IN 46160, and author Ned Schwing c/o Krause Publications, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990-0001. Enclose a photo and complete description of the rifle including its measurements, and a self-addressed stamped envelope for a reply.

Q. I have an extensive Cherished Teddies collection by Enesco dating from 1991 through 2001. How can I go about selling them as a group? Carlin D. Nerhus, Mt. Zion, IL

A. To contact a source for Cherished Teddies and other modern teddy bears, E-mail: wcoumans @cobweb.nl Or any reader interested in buying them can write me to contact you.

Q. loved the article about the Old Stove and would love to hear more about it. I was born in New Kensington, Pa (coal mines) grew up in Hatboro, Pa, and used an old wood-burning stove until 1954.

I now live in a 200 year old farm house for 24 years that needed everything from a new roof to indoor plumbing, etc. I spent a lot of time and money but thanks to my son, now have an old wood stove in my kitchen with an added counter and converted electric cook top in it, as well as its original water tank, and wall oven - I just love it and wouldn't part with it ever. My children, and three sisters live close by, and we all have a great time exchanging stories around the old stove. Margie Haldeman, Doylestown, PA

A. A free copy of Jack Mabley's warm and wonderful stove column published in the Chicago Tribune in 1980, is being sent to you, and to anyone else who sends a long self-addressed stamped envelope marked Old Stove Column to Anita Gold, P.O. Box 597401, Chicago, IL 60659. Incidentally I heard about a 'haunted' old cast iron stove from a reader who claims it talked to her. Could be, cause I have an antique tin pierced footstove that hummed tunes at one time, and stopped when my husband kept telling it to shut up. I keep hoping that one day the 'spirit' will return and start humming again - such as "I Don't Stand a Ghost of a Chance With You" especially for my husband. Readers who may live in a haunted house, or may have a haunted possession, are welcome to send me the details to be included in future columns.

Write Anita Gold, P.O. Box 597401, Chicago, IL 60659. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with a copy of this column and the name of the paper in which it appears for a reply.

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Holiday Ideas

Massage-The Gift of Holiday Stress Relief

If jingle bells have jangled your nerves, massage may provide a healthy way to relieve tension and help you cope with stress more effectively.

As the popularity of massage therapy continues to rise, an increasing number of Americans make massage a part of their daily lives.

According to a recent survey by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork (NCBTMB), 52 percent of Americans have received a massage and three in 10 have done so in the past year. Of those who had a massage from a therapist, 48 percent did so for stress relief, 32 percent did so for general health and well-being and 18 percent sought treatment for a specific problem.

Massage therapy and bodywork can help relax stressed holiday goers and help people to reconnect with their bodies so that they take better care of themselves. By alleviating stress, regular massage and bodywork may also be effective in preventing illness and other physical ailments.

In addition to reducing stress and tension levels, other benefits of massage therapy and bodywork may include: increasing mobility and speed the healing process for those recovering from surgery or injury; providing relief to those suffering from chronic back pain; relieving pain and stiffness in athletes; reducing blood pressure; and increasing circulation.

As people turn to massage to relieve holiday stress, they should seek out a nationally certified practitioner for the gift of safe holiday massage. Massage and bodywork practitioners certified by the NCBTMB hold the highest professional credential in the field, a credential synonymous with quality, ethics and professional service aligned with a national standard.

To locate a nationally certified massage therapist, visit www.ncbtmb.com and click on the Find a Practitioner in Your Area link.

Give or get the gift of massage to help reduce holiday stress.

Don't Forget the Batteries!

Portable music players and electronic games are predicted to be hot items again this holiday season. While these gadget gifts vary in function, there is one characteristic they have in common... they all need batteries.

A recent Duracell survey shows that more than half of all Americans were disappointed when they received battery-powered gifts for the holidays and didn't have the batteries on hand to use them. To help avoid disappointment this year, make sure to purchase batteries every time you purchase an electronic gift.

If you are stuffing any stockings this holiday season, giving batteries is another great idea, since more than 70 percent of gift-givers surveyed plan to purchase between one and five battery-powered gifts for their loved ones and friends. Even if you're not giving a battery-operated device, chances are high that someone you know will need batteries for another present they receive. Be sure to choose a brand of battery that you trust to provide long-lasting and reliable power.

With so many battery-powered gadgets on hand this holiday season, Duracell offers the following reminders to help keep your batteries and devices in top operating condition:

Don't store batteries in the refrigerator or freezer. Batteries are best kept in a dry place at normal room temperature. Extreme heat or cold reduces battery life and performance.

Be sure to align your batteries positive (+) and negative (–) terminals correctly when inserting them into a device. Some devices may appear to work properly if one battery is inserted incorrectly, but this can lead to battery leakage, rupture and possible device damage and or personal injury.

Never attempt to recharge a battery unless the battery specifically is marked "rechargeable." Recharging a non-rechargeable battery may cause rupture or leakage and personal injury.

Replace all your device's batteries at the same time. Mixing old and new batteries in a device can lead to battery leakage and device damage.

Remove batteries from a device when it is not expected to be in use for several months. Batteries should also be removed from equipment while it is being powered by household (AC) current.

Always replace the battery or batteries in your equipment with the size and type of battery specified by the equipment manufacturer. Using the wrong type or size could cause malfunction or equipment damage.

Do not store batteries loosely or carry them loose in your pocket or purse. They can be shorted by contact with metal objects and leak or rupture and may cause personal injury.

Primary batteries should be discarded with your regular household trash. Never dispose of batteries in fire because they could explode.

Keep battery contact surfaces and battery compartment contacts clean by rubbing them with a clean pencil eraser or a clean cloth each time you replace batteries.

Happy Holidays

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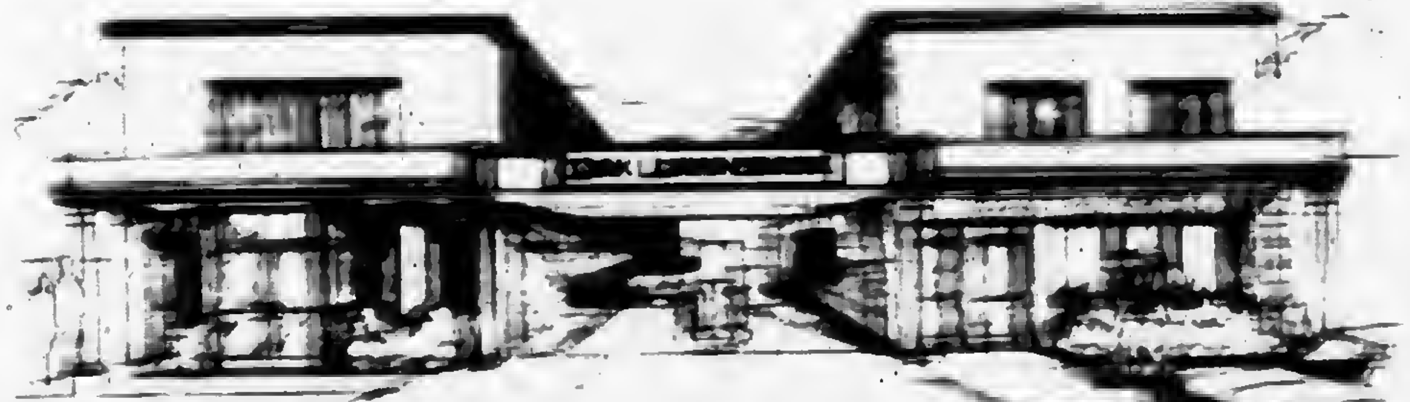

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Worth suing local water-siphoning pair

By David Wigger

Village Attorney Matt Dicker reported at Worth's Tuesday, November 18 meeting that the village of Worth is [illegible] pursuing litigation against the Gerber family of 6415 W. 111th Street. Currently seeking [illegible] at the [illegible] Court, the village [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. John Gerber of [illegible] the village's water [illegible] tapping the village for years.

Dicker [illegible] of that [illegible] in the village. Some [illegible] have [illegible] that the village did [illegible] Dicker [illegible] that the village [illegible] is still actively pursuing an [illegible] of years of [illegible].

And that [illegible] could go a long way in the village. According to Dicker's estimates, the Gerbers [illegible] block of 111th Street [illegible] the village [illegible] years. [illegible] restricted [illegible] development, with a golf course [illegible] of funding [illegible].

What complicates matters, though, is that the Gerbers [illegible] to sell [illegible] of its property to Trinity Christian College to avoid [illegible] by the village. The Gerbers were able to do so before the village could possibly file a tax lien to stop the sale of the property. [illegible] Dicker [illegible] received [illegible] officials that the [illegible] will be [illegible] by the sale of the property.

"We are dealing with the [illegible] on this," Dicker said. "In the end [illegible] there's a lot of money at stake."

Currently village attorneys have been successful at seeking [illegible]. They do, Dicker said, see [illegible] which is currently proceeding in court.

In other [illegible], there was [illegible] and [illegible] coming from some of Worth's larger [illegible]. Trustee Kevin Wiener reported that Worth's [illegible] $2,000 this year. Wiener [illegible] coalition for Worth's Edge golf course's [illegible] profits.

At the request of the board, Wiener will invite [illegible] Dicker [illegible] with a [illegible] bringing profits. The event coordinator hired at the spring [illegible] for Worth's Edge [illegible] groups to frequent the course.

"(Golf) is a very competitive industry now... In order to get (golfers) there we've got to [illegible]," Wiener said. "That's why [illegible] created this position."

The village will host [illegible] December 16 meeting.

Oak Park Avenue Mainstreet Association announces 2003 Christmas Season events

The Oak Park Avenue Mainstreet Association (OPAMA) in cooperation with the village of Tinley Park and the Mainstreet Commission are hosting a variety of Christmas events beginning with the arrival of Santa at the Tinley Park Metra station on November 30, 2003 from 3 PM until 5 PM. Videos for the children [illegible] will be provided while waiting for Santa's arrival. Santa will be on hand for free photos upon his arrival. Kiddy train rides and horse drawn wagon rides will also run until 6 PM.

The 3rd Annual Holiday House Walk will take place on Saturday, December 6, 2003 from 10 AM until 4 PM. [illegible] throughout the village of Tinley Park [illegible] and [illegible] Vogt Visual Arts Center and Tinley Park Historical Society will [illegible] part of the walk. Tickets are available for [illegible] at the Tinley Park Public Library.

Carriage Rides with Santa and Carriage Rides will be part of the season's festivities on the 3 Sundays before Christmas. Pictures with Santa [illegible] Santa will pose for photos from 4 PM until 7 PM on the three Sundays before Christmas. The carriage rides will stop off from Nelson's Cleaners 17022 Oak Park Avenue on the 7th, Mack's TV & Stereo 17236 Oak Park Avenue on the 14th and Pete's Service 16708 Oak Park Avenue on the 21st from 4 PM until 8 PM. Tickets [illegible] carriage rides and photos with Santa [illegible] free [illegible] the public [illegible] 16.)

The celebration culminates with the 5th Annual Parade of Lights on Sunday, December 21 at 6 PM. The parade begins at Central Middle School (18146 Oak Park Avenue) and will travel North down Oak Park Avenue. Entry forms are available at www.opama.org <http://www.opama.org> and the deadline is December 15, 2003.

More information can be found under the event listings on www.opama.org <http://www.opama.org>.

OPAMA is a non-profit organization comprised of local business owners dedicated to improving the [illegible] in Tinley Park. OPAMA does this by helping to maintain a beautiful [illegible] and by organizing and sponsoring [illegible] enjoyment of [illegible] alike.

Leo G. Bent Award presented to Bremen HS District 228

Bremen High School District 228 Developmental Guidance Program is the 2003 recipient of the Leo G. Bent Award from the Illinois Counseling Association for having an outstanding professional counseling program.

This counseling award was established in 1977 to recognize a program that shows evidence of commitment to professional counseling by a group of staff members who demonstrate a history of a minimum of three years of exemplary professional counseling practices. The program must emphasize ethical, culturally sensitive and state of the art practices that meet the needs of the current and potential clients.

This program had its inception six years ago, headed by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Marianne Glenn with district staff members Counselors Jennifer Anderson, Tinley Park High School; Susan Conn, Bremen High School; Lori Simonek, Oak Forest High School and Glenda Townsend, Hillcrest High School and Phil Klaich, special needs coordinator. Over the past years four members have been added to the writing committee including Laura Berry, Director of Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) at Tinley Park High School; Carla Beatty, Bremen High School; James Dempsey, Oak Forest High School; and Dorie Wolford, Tinley Park High School.

Glenda Townsend wrote the nomination with letters of support from Sharon Holland and Susan Conn. The Developmental Guidance Program is designed to address the three domains of counseling: academic/educational, career/vocational and personal/social for all students at all grade levels in Bremen High School District 228.

Check out Jacki Marr's astrological predictions on page 6

Symphony Center holiday news

Duain Wolfe conducts members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in a program of timeless holiday classics and new musical treats.

The "Welcome Yule!" performances are on December 19, (7pm) 20, (3pm) 21, (3pm & 7pm) 22 (7pm) and 23 (3pm & 7pm). Sarah Lee Foundation sponsors the concert.

Performing will be the Chicago Children's Choir, directed by Josephine Lee, and the Welcome Yule dance ensemble. During the concert a lively sing-a-long will be featured.

Before each concert and during intermission, local community and school choirs will be on hand to perform holiday favorites in the lobby spaces at Symphony Center.

Handel's Messiah

Morgan Park Presbyterian Church will present Handel's Messiah on Sunday December 7, at 3:30pm. Tickets or pre-reservations are recommended. Donations are $20 for adults and $10 for youth and children. Reserved at Morgan Park Presbyterian Church, 11056 S. Longwood Drive from 9am to noon, Tuesday through Friday, or at World Folk Music, 1808 W. 103rd Street. All are welcome. To make phone reservations call 773-779-3355.

Toys for Tots Programs

The Lakeshore Athletic Club (LAC) partners with Toys for Tots to bring joy to children this holiday season. Beginning early November 2003, people can drop off new, unwrapped toys in collection boxes located at each LAC. Locations are as follows:

Lincoln Park Club (LAC) 1320 W. Fullerton, (LAC) Downtown 441 N. Wabash, (LAC) Illinois Center 211 N. Stetson and (LAC) Streeterville 333 E. Ontario. All located in Chicago. For a toy deposit, (LAC) will discount the initiation fee to $60. This is a saving of $100. The Toys for Tots began in Los Angeles in 1947.

The 26th Annual Motorcycle Parade for Toys for Tots will be Sunday December 7, 2003 on Western Avenue. The line-up starts at 7:00am at 83rd and Western. The Parade begins at 9:30am and ends at The Marine Center at Foster & Troy, Chicago.

To enter the parade all riders must bring a new toy or game (no stuffed animals).

Last year over 20,000 motorcycle riders rumbled down Western to deliver over 60,000 toys to the United States Marine Corp Reserve Center. This major Chicago tradition has helped many needy kids since 1978. Please support them and come with a new toy to help a child smile. They need board games, educational toys, radios, sports equipment and dolls. No used toys and no plush toys.

The parade will be televised for delayed broadcast on the Bill Wildt's Motorsports Unlimited program. The parade hot-line is 773-866-TOYS. The theme "every child deserves a toy for Christmas".

Evergreen Park's Trolley visits The Plaza

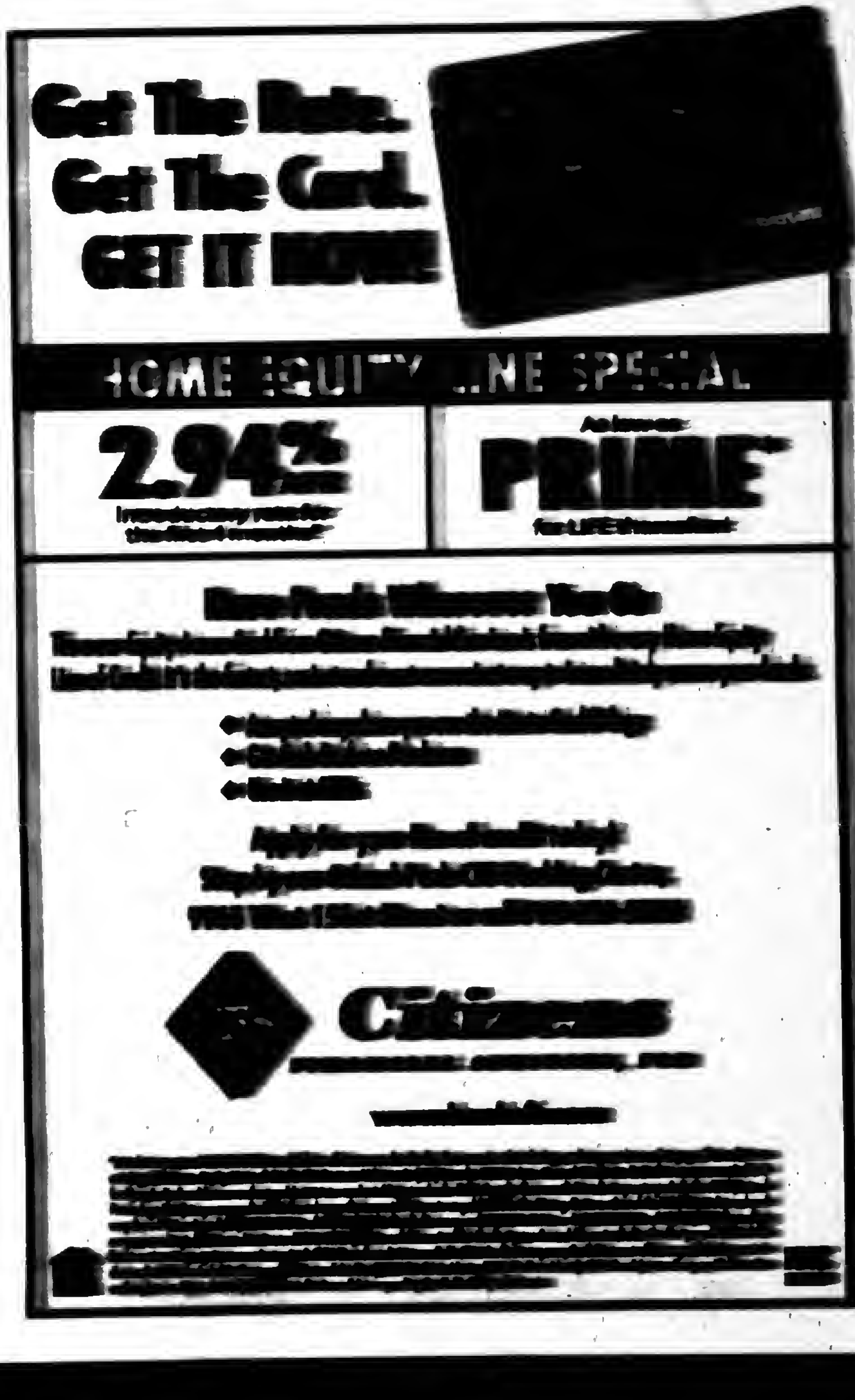
Area shoppers are invited to enjoy a free ride on the Holly Trolley to go to the Plaza. The trolley will run down 95th street, stopping to pick up and drop off shoppers at Hamlin, Ridgeway*, Millard*, Turner, Kedzie, Utica and California (*denotes municipal parking lot).

The first 1,500 shoppers will receive Holiday Shopping Coupons offering 20% discounted goods on most merchandise at Carsons" in the Plaza.

For further information on the service call Gail Morales Village of Evergreen Park, 708-422-1551 or Guest Services at the Plaza 708-422-5454. The Plaza will enjoy expanded shopping hours.

Shoppers are invited to get into the holiday spirit by visiting with Santa and enjoying live musical entertainment at the Plaza. Santa will be present Mon. through Thurs. noon to 7pm; Friday and Saturday 11am to 8pm and Sunday noon to 5pm.

KCR Ensemble, a nine-person jazz band will perform in Center Square from 3 to 6pm Saturday Dec. 6 and Dec 20 and 4 to 7pm on Friday, December 12. Steve Flowers' flute jazz trio performs Dec. 5, 13 and 19 from 3 to 6pm. The tones of hand bells will fill shoppers with spirit on Dec. 13 from 1 to 2:30pm. All performances are in Center Square. For added information call the guest services cited above.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Karen Karieva places a gift under the tree for the Angel Tree Poject at the Upper Crust Pizza and Pub, a new establishment which opened up in Palos Hills.

The Upper Crust

by Carlene O'Connor

Something old, something new. There is a new restaurant in town. It's remodeled and very pretty, called the "Upper Crust" at 11232 Southwest Highway in Palos Hills.

It has a whole new format from the old owners. Family dining at reasonable prices. To startoff with, there are fourteen appetizers to choose from, including Beer Battered Onion rings-double dipped in premium draft beer, Breaded Zucchini-lightly breaded, served with red sauce, U.C. Bruccetta (french loaf covered with secret red sauce and sliced fresh tomatoes topped with mozzarella cheese), BBQ Wings and more, all priced under $6. There is also soup and salad available.

Sharon Karieva, an owner of the restaurant says their specialty is pizza. Calzones are also available and made from scratch.

There are a wide variety of other dinners including, 3 Cheese Lasagna, Chef's Fried Chicken, Italian Baked Shrimp, Chicken Parmesan, BBQ Ribs, Chicken Alfredo and more.

For under $10 you may enjoy Italian Sausage, Meatballs, or Alfredo Sauce along with the choices of Marinara, Meat, and Aglio E Olio with the following pastas; Spaghetti, Mostaccioli, Rigatoni, Penne, Linguini, or Angel Hair.

The sandwiches are a real bargain and a good meal in themselves. All come with fries. These include Meatball, Sausage, Chicken, Hamburger, and more.

Sharon says the Upper Crust can book parties and has a private section to do so. Her family is known in the area as Bubbles Racquet Repair from Palos Olympic Health Club in Palos from Palos Hills.

Future plans for the restaurant include having comedians, bands, and there is karaoke on Friday nights. They plan on getting a web site.

Right now their present charity is the Angel Tree Project. Bring in any toy to the pub and receive 10 percent off your bill for doing so. All toys will go to children in the surrounding area for Christmas.

The Upper Crust has a kid's menu for $3 each. Choose from a hot dog, mini beef sandwich, hamburger, cheeseburger, pizza slice, or chicken fingers. It is a very inexpensive way to take the whole family out to dinner.

The pub is owned by Tom Levis and Keith and Sharon Karieva, members and racquetball players of Palos Olympic Health Club.

For delivery or to receive a menu, call 708 / 974-3100 or fax 708 / 974-3226. You will be glad you called.

Art for the Season

Art for the Season, a fine arts and crafts festival sponsored by Stagg High School Music Boosters, will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on November 15 and 16 at Stagg High School, located at 111th & Roberts Road in Palos Hills. The festival will feature arts and crafts booths, a silent art auction, live entertainment throughout the day, an art exhibition of the work of Keith Rocco (one of the country's top historical artists), a food court, raffle and bake sale. Proceeds from the two day festival will benefit the music programs and students of Stagg High. Admission is $2.00 for adults and $1.00 for senior citizens and children under 13.

For more information, please call 708-361-8290 or 708-671-9148.

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Bass Pro Shops and USO Send Needed Reminders of Home

Bass Pro Shops, America's most popular outdoor store, is joining forces with the United Service Organizations (USO) to carry out the "Operation Bass Pro Shops/USO Care Package" program. The alliance will enable individuals to support America's men and women in uniform that are deployed overseas, through personal messages and care packages filled with items they have requested.

Because of heightened security, individuals can no longer send letters and packages addressed "Deliver to Any Service Member." The USO program is approved and endorsed by the U.S. Department of Defense to deliver packages to men and women of the Armed Forces.

Anyone wanting to help support our troops can stop by any Bass Pro Shops retail location, pick-up a $1 or $5 donation card, and take it to the nearest cashier. The cards can also be signed with personal greetings to the troops.

Donations may also be made by calling 1-800-BASSPRO or on the Bass Pro Shops web site at basspro.com.

Donations will be used to purchase an assortment of items the military has specifically requested, such as AT&T 100-minute prepaid international calling cards, disposable cameras, toiletries, and sunscreen. These items, along with the signed greetings on the donation cards, will be put into the Bass Pro Shops/USO Care Packages and sent to the troops.

Certification for Economic Development Course

Recently, Worth Village President, Ed Guzdziol, received his certificate for successfully completing the Economic Development Course presented by Southern Illinois University and the International Economic Development Council.

President Guzdziol stated, " I would like to thank Nicor for sponsoring me in this informative and educational endeavor. Continued education in this area is crucial for growth and development in our community."

Youth Turnabout Day a success

Mayor Gerald Bennett poses on Youth Turnabout Day with students at the council meeting where kids acted as government leaders

Symphony Center holiday news

Duain Wolfe conducts members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in a program of timeless holiday classics and new musical treats.

The "Welcome Yule!" performances are on December 19, (7pm) 20, (3pm) 21, (3pm & 7pm) 22 (7pm) and 23 (3pm & 7pm). Sarah Lee Foundation sponsors the concert.

Performing will be the Chicago Children's Choir, directed by Josephine Lee, and the Welcome Yule dance ensemble. During the concert a lively sing-a-long will be featured.

Before each concert and during intermission, local community and school choirs will be on hand to perform holiday favorites in the lobby spaces at Symphony Center.

Handel's Messiah

Morgan Park Presbyterian Church will present Handel's Messiah on Sunday December 7, at 3:30pm. Tickets or pre-reservations are recommended. Donations are $20 for adults and $10 for youth and children. Reserved at Morgan Park Presbyterian Church, 11056 S. Longwood Drive from 9am to noon, Tuesday through Friday or at World Folk Music, 1808 W. 103rd Street. All are welcome. To make phone reservations call 773-779-3355.

Toys for Tots Programs

The Lakeshore Athletic Club (LAC) partners with Toys for Tots to bring joy to children this holiday season. Beginning early November 2003, people can drop off new, unwrapped toys in collection boxes located at each LAC. Locations are as follows:

Lincoln Park Club (LAC) 1320 W. Fullerton, (LAC) Downtown 441 N. Wabash, (LAC) Illinois Center 211 N. Stetson and (LAC) Streeterville 333 E. Ontario. All located in Chicago. For a toy deposit, (LAC) will discount the initiation fee to $60. This is a saving of $100. The Toys for Tots began in Los Angeles in 1947.

The 26th Annual Motorcycle Parade for Toys for Tots will be Sunday December 7, 2003 on Western Avenue. The line up starts at 7:00am at 83rd and Western. The Parade begins at 9:30am and ends at The Marine Center at Foster & Troy, Chicago.

To enter the parade all riders must bring a new toy or game (no stuffed animals).

Last year over 20,000 motorcycle riders rumbled down Western to deliver over 60,000 toys to the United States Marine Corp Reserve Center. This major Chicago tradition has helped many needy kids since 1978. Please support them and come with a new toy to help a child smile. They need board games, educational toys, radios, sports equipment and dolls. No used toys and no plush toys.

The parade will be televised for delayed broadcast on the Bill Wildt's Motorsports Unlimited program. The parade hot-line is 773-866-TOYS. The theme "every child deserves a toy for Christmas".

Oak Lawn Chamber holiday luncheon

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce holiday luncheon will be held on December 9 at the Hilton at 9333 S. Cicero. Networking begins at 11:30am and lunch is at noon.

Entertainment is to be provided by the Oak Lawn Community High School Choir. To make a lunch reservation call 708-424-8300.

Evergreen Park's trolley visits The Plaza

Area shoppers are invited to enjoy a free ride on the Holly Trolley to go to the Plaza. The trolley will run down 95th street, stopping to pick up and drop off shoppers at Dunning, Ridgeway*, Milford*, Tower, Kedzie, Utica and California (*denotes municipal parking lot).

The first 1,500 shoppers will receive Holiday Shopping Coupons offering 20% discounted goods on most merchandise at Carsons" in the Plaza.

For further information on the service call Gail Morales Village of Evergreen Park, 708-422-1551 or Guest Services at the Plaza 708-422-5454. The Plaza will enjoy expanded shopping hours.

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EP Library and EP Office of Senior Citizens Services host book signing

Evergreen Park Library and the Evergreen Park Office of Senior Citizens Services host Jim Bowes, author of Chicago Christmas: One Hundred Years of Christmas Memories at the Evergreen Park Community Center, 3450 W. 97th Street on Tuesday December 9 at 1:00pm.

Newsman Bowes has collected stories, photos and vintage advertising from the past one hundred years and combined them into a decade-by-decade scrapbook of Christmastime in Chicago. Copies can be purchased for $20 and signed by the author after the program. The Evergreen Park Library's last book signing featured The Italian Women Group in stories and memories of upbringing.

Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, 9230 S. Pulaski, Oak Lawn, will hold a musical concert on Sunday, December 14 at 5 pm. The evening is free

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Johnson Phelps VFW Post 5220 gave two honorary awards recently. Left to right is VFW Auxiliary president Patricia Hewitt, Oak Lawn Police Chief Robert Smith, VFW Post 5220 Commander Joseph Stachon, Judi Giglio.

Johnson Phelps VFW Post 5220 honors policeman and fireman

by Annette Dixon

Auxiliary president Patricia Hewitt and Commander Joseph Stachon from the Johnson Phelps VFW Post 5220, awarded an honoree from the Oak Lawn Police Department and Oak Lawn Fire Department. They also warded $2600 for the Oak Lawn Fired Department Club and Police Department Auxiliary.

Police Officer Robert Hon, received the Medal of Valor from the Illinois State Police Department and Oak Lawn Police Department.

DEA had been conducting an investigation for several years which involved the diversion of pseudoephedrine from legitimate sources to illegal drug labs in the United States. Where methamphetamine was produced fro sale on the street.

This operation was international in scope. Arrest and search warrants were obtained for various locations across the United States. A well coordinated, multi-agency plan was devised to serve the warrants simultaneously to insure as many suspects as possible were apprehended and a much evidence as possible was seized.

On April 15, 2003, the Oak Lawn Police Department Tactical Response Team arrived at one location and made repetitive "knock and announce" demand for compliance and entry which met with negative results. A breach was made and the Tactical Response Team with Officer Robert Hon in the #1 position entered the home while simultaneously announcing their office. As he entered, Officer Hon observed one of the wanted subjects brandishing a handgun. Officer Hon fired his weapon and struck the offender ending the deadly threat he posed. The remainder of the residence was secured, the offender was taken into custody, and the scene was turned over to investigators for follow up. Two weapons were recovered from the scene; the loaded handgun the offender had brandished along with two additional "speedloaders" of ammunition nearby and an assault type rifle with several loaded, high capacity magazines of ammunition.

Officer Hon's dedication and valor averted what could have been a tragedy for the Oak Lawn Police Department. His actions stopped the unlawful act of a wanted felon and ended a deadly threat to himself and fellow officers. He is a credit to the Oak Lawn Police Department and the law enforcement profession. Officer Robert Hon is most deserving of this Medal of Valor.

On August 3rd, 2003, while attending a softball game off duty during a torrential downpour, Firefighter / Paramedic Paul Chocola witnessed a man get struck by lightning. He rushed to the man's aid through the heavy rain and quickly assessed the patient's dire situation. Through all of the confusion, screaming and yelling, he gained control of the scene and instructed a civilian to immediately contact 911 emergency services. He then instructed two other civilians to obtain any towels and blankets to keep the patient warm and dry. He cut the patient's wet clothing off to stabilize his temperature and prevent hypothermia and shock.

He observed that the patient was unresponsive but was breathing and required immediate medical attention. Firefighter/Paramedic Paul Chocola then instructed another civilian to open his Ford Explorer so that the patient would be shielded from the elements. The patient was placed in the vehicle where Paul continued close observation of the patient's condition and maintained the patient's vital status.

Firefighter/Paramedic Chocola remained at the patient's side until the Chicago Fire Department paramedics arrived on the scene. He then assisted the Chicago Fire Department by applying a cervical collar and maintaining spinal immobilization. The patient was then transported to Christ Hospital without incident, where he fully recovered thanks to the speed and professionalism of Firefighter/Paramedic Paul Chocola.

Oak Lawn averts Real Estate Tax increase

by Matt Mayer

At the December 9th Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting, the board voted 5-1 to approve the village's 2004 municipal budget, which includes four new taxes. Trustee Bob Streit dissented, stating it's a bad precedent to establish new taxes. Village Manager Joe Faber explained the taxes are: a telecommunications tax from 1% to 3% which applies to cellular phones, an electric utility tax of 1%, a municipal utility tax of 1% on natural gas, and a municipal gas use tax of 1 cent per therm.

Village Manager Joe Faber explained that the municipal utility tax applies to Nicor, which is a service provider. Now that the state has deregulated gas, consumers have the ability to purchase gas from a wholesaler, which is distributed through the Nicor system. Faber stated that all gas is subject to use tax but not the utility tax. These taxes were imposed by the board in order to avert a property tax increase as well as eliminate a $1.2 million budget deficit in the overall village budget.

Acting Village President Ron Stancik also outlined some of the measures the village has been currently taking to balance the budget, such as a village wide hiring freeze, which was effective January 1st and will continue. He said in the village hall for example, people are covering split jobs, working the morning in one area and the afternoon in another. He said, "This is their intent on how to balance the village budget".

He also stated that the village was hit with a budget deficit of $1.7 million at the beginning of November. Stancik stated "the issue was so serious, which lead to concerns such as: Will we make payroll the first quarter-should we lay people off - Should we furlough people. None of that is going to happen, he said. We will make payroll through out the year". Stancik credited Village Manager Joe Faber and the village staff. He said that the village had taken some models from other communities, which have instituted utility taxes.

In an additional effort to avert a property tax increase, the board approved ordinances to increase business license fees from $35 to $50, as well as liquor license, tobacco license and subdivision fees. Faber stated this is the first increase since 1985. Ordinances to increase water and garbage fees by 3% each were also approved, both of which were due to the costs being imposed on Oak Lawn. The water increase will also be passed on to those communities, which are supplied by Oak Lawn.

The board voted 5-1 to approve a pilot program to reduce the speed limit from 25 to 20 miles per hour in the Eagle Ridge and Acorn Glen subdivisions. Trustee William Keane dissented. This program is slated to expire at the first board meeting in September 2004, unless a continuance is approved.

Stancik recapped by stating the village's largest problem has been the economy. The state used to guarantee the village so many dollars and for the second year now, the village has not seen this money. It would be fiscally irresponsible to go a third year, expecting money from the state that we aren't going to receive. Stancik stated "This board elected not to raise property taxes one iota".

The December 23rd meeting has been cancelled. The Village Hall will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve, and New Year's Day. The next board meeting will be January 13, 2004.

DeVry University announces new benefits for active-duty military students

Special Benefits Include Reduced Tuition and Qualification for Accelerated or Online Study

DeVry University, one of the largest degree-granting higher education systems in North America, announced it is offering new special benefits for active-duty military personnel and/or their spouses, who enroll in DeVry University undergraduate or graduate courses.

DeVry University has begun charging active-duty military personnel and their spouses 75 percent of the prevailing tuition rate. DeVry University also allows active-duty military undergraduate students who are under the age of 21 to enroll in accelerated degree programs or take online courses if they have completed basic military training. Students typically must be 21 years of ages to qualify for accelerated or online study.

To qualify for the benefits, service personnel must have completed basic military training and must serve with one of the five branches of the United States Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard). Participants also must meet DeVry University undergraduate or graduate admissions requirements for demonstration of basic skills proficiency for the desired academic program.

Remember our servicemen

Army Pvt. Sean R. Brooks has graduated from the utilities equipment repairer advanced individual training course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

The student learned to perform maintenance, test, repair, adjust, and inspect gasoline engine systems, utility equipment and special purpose support systems; including, bottle cleaning/charging stations, air conditioning electrical and vapor systems, refrigeration unit electrical systems, portable heater fuel/electrical systems, and fire extinguisher rechargers and valves. Brooks is the son of Teresa Kosinski of Oak Lawn.

Airman Cole G. Shepard

Air Force Airman Cole G. Shepard has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Shepard is the son of Kimberly Shepard of Parkside Ave., Oak Forest, Ill. He is a 2003 graduate of Oak Forest High School.

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He is the son of Dawn Gagnon of S. Beloit, Bridgeview. Hicks is a 2003 graduate of Argo Community High School, Summit, Ill.

The Gift of Life

by Judi Giglio

A little star shines bright tonight,
It celebrates the gift of life.
A little child was born today.
The angels sing a song of praise.
All of heaven knows of him,
For the angels have been sent to watch over him.
Every time he breathes a sigh,
The angels will flutter to his side.
His every wish will be their chore,
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So when you turn out the lights tonight,
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Holiday Fun Fair at Green Hills

The Green Hills Public Library invites you to join us for an evening full of games, snacks, and prizes. December 16 from 6:00 – 7:00 PM! This program is for children of all ages. Registration begins December 5. Call the Youth Services Department at 598-8446 ext. 19 for more information or to register. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

On display at Green Hills

The paintings of Jule Knytych from Palos Hills are on display throughout the month of December at Green Hills Public Library. Jule attended the Art Institute in Chicago, St. Xaviers University, and Moraine Valley Community College as well as studying with several local artists. Also on display through the end of January is the artwork of students from School District #117. Take a look at these collections during your next visit to the library. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Evergreen Park Honors Cub Scout Pack 3644

By Matt Mayer

At the December 1st Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting, Mayor James Sexton reported that the City of Chicago is raising sewer rates by 3% and water rates by 5% effective January 1, 2004. Sexton stated that Evergreen Park has not yet decided what the village adjustment will be.

Mayor Sexton presented a Certificate of Recognition to Cub Scout Pack 3644 in appreciation of their successful collection of food, which was donated to the village pantry. Sexton stated that the scouts went through their neighborhoods in the village and collected some 250 bags of food for the needy. They spent one Saturday morning on into the afternoon delivering the food to the pantry - the Scouts had to struggle carrying some of the bags, which were larger than the boys. Sexton also stated that the Scout Pack knew that the village pantry gears up at this time of year and is aware that there are people in the village who are less fortunate.

Business regulation applications were approved for Unique Medical Billing at 9500 S. Avers and a law office for Jeffery Benson at 3337 W. 95th St. The board concurred with the decision of the Zoning Board and approved zoning variations of property at 3318 W 95th St, which will allow an addition to be constructed at the rear of the property.

The board approved the following ordinances: Rental car agencies are prohibited to be located within 300 feet of an intersection. An ordinance amending a section for utility and storage sheds was approved, allowing residents with larger lots to build larger sheds. A parking agreement regulating parking and the control of motor vehicle traffic at the Plaza was approved - this agreement allows the police to ticket vehicles as well as allowing for service by emergency vehicles.

The board approved a resolution, approving grant application local law enforcement block grant project B.A.D.G.E. Sexton stated that Evergreen Park typically receives in the vicinity of $50,000 to $60,000 per year from the Cook County Board to be used for public safety. Sexton reported that this year's amount is $51,976.

The board also approved the condemnation of the vacant former Shell gas station property on the northeast corner of 95th and Kedzie Ave. The board approved an extension to Vixen Construction for the street development of the 95th St project, from Campbell to Pulaski. Sexton stated that Vixen Construction offered to extend the same price as they had for 95th and Western Ave.

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A Christmas Shopper's Paradise

They say the economy is slow, but you wouldn't know it by scoping out the mall parking lots. The only thing slow moving is the traffic that jams the exits and entrances to all the hot shopping spots.

The malls are filled with merry shoppers, in the holiday spirit, spending cold hard cash for their Christmas treasures. There is definitely no shortage of spending for, as far as the eye can see, people are depleting their wallets of dough to to help make it a cool Yule, overflowing with material things for loved ones.

This Christmas, as I sit in long lines of heavy traffic, or stand in lines a mile long with fellow gift-giving bargain hunters, I cannot help but remember my sister-in-law, Darlene Frost.

She was the ultimate shopper. She lived by three simple words— 'Born To Shop.' She had a knack for knowing where to go to save the big bucks. She'd call, as excited as if she just unearthed a grand treasure, and let you know where to go for the best deals. But, it never failed, where she had the Midas touch for seeking out the goods for sale, I had the misfortune of never quite being at the right place at the right time—more often than not—forcing me to pay full price for must have presents.

Every Thanksgiving night, never fail, she'd set her trusty alarm clock for 4AM, and you could bet your mistletoe she'd be one of the first in line, ready to do battle for the bargains.

If there was money to be saved Darlene was just the one to appreciate the savings. It didn't matter if the items were on her list or not. It was her hobby, her enjoyment. It was her addiction to deals that caused us to tease her about her shopaholic tendencies. Everything she did she did with wide-eyed enthusiasm. It's the reason she will forever be fondly remembered and why she's so terribly missed. This year, Darlene will celebrate her second Christmas in heaven. She doesn't have to sit in long lines of traffic just to buy that toy that's only on sale at 5AM.

She doesn't have to lose 3 hours sleep just to catch up on wrapping all the presents that would resemble a mountain of merchandise that even Santa himself would envy. If there are stores in heaven then I'm sure our dear Darlene is in shoppers' paradise. As I politely try to push and shove my way through this holiday season, I think of her everytime I hear the jingle of the bell. In the story, "It's A Wonerful Life," the tinkling of a bell signals an angel getting her wings.

I have my own thoughts about that now. Everytime I'm in a store and hear the ding-ding of a Christmas bell I think of Darlene and smile.

For I know that somewhere in the halls of heaven a very special angel, full of bargain bliss, is getting a discount.

Charming events recall the meaning of the season in Historic Galena

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Tour the Ulysses S. Grant Home State Historic Site from December 3, 2003, through January 4, 2004, when the Home is dressed with Victorian-style holiday decorations including candles, holly and a festive tree with 19th century decorations. Visitors to the Ulysses S. Grant Home from 2-4 p.m. on December 4-5 or 13-14 may experience the Lamplight Tour, a special event when tours are given by the light of the home's oil lanterns.

Visitors to the area the weekend of December 13-14, 2003, may choose from a variety of seasonal events and activities. During this special weekend, four bed and breakfast inns located will open their doors for the Taste of Christmas event. Innkeepers dressed in period costume will offer tours of each Inn's parlor. A feature of the tour is Admiral's Park Avenue Guest House, an 1893 Queen Anne that shines during the holiday season. Ten trees decorated with European blown glass ornaments adorn the house and a 175-house Dickens Village is displayed. Take a drive or a brick walk throughout the town the evening of December 13, 2003, after 6 p.m. to view more than 5,000 luminaria tracing the riverfront levee, steps, hillsides and parks during the Night of the Luminaria event.

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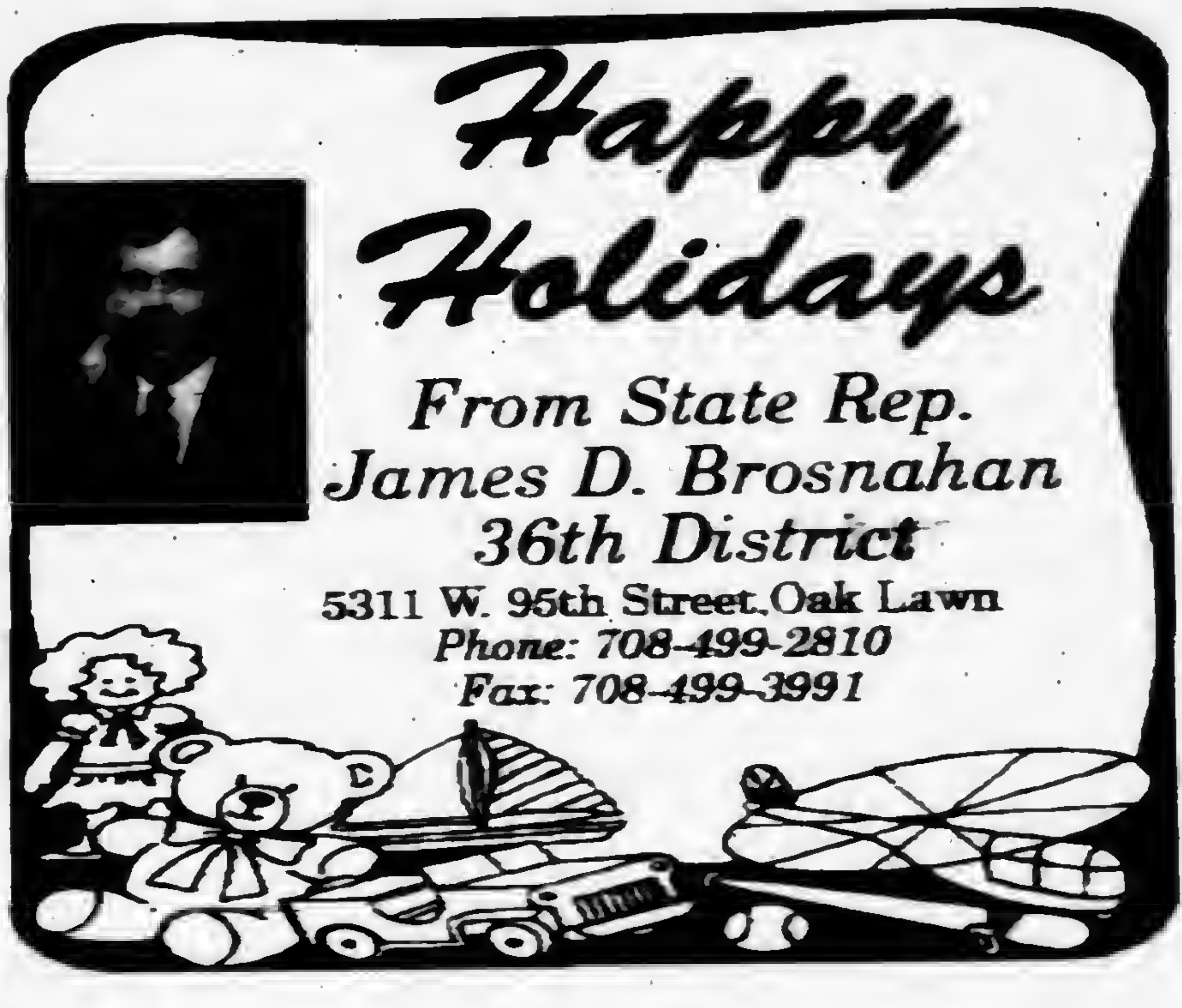

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Free blood pressure screenings

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screenings on the second Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, Oak Lawn.

The partnership is a collaboration with Advocate Christ Medical Center, the Village of Oak Lawn, business and community members, to address health, wellness and lifestyle needs of the community.

For additional information, call Peggy Dundell at Christ Medical Center, 708-346-3289, or the library, 708-422-4990.

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Tinley Park Library announces programs

The Great Debate

The Youth Services Department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grades 6 through 8 to join a friendly debate on various issues of concern on Thursday, January 8, 2004 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Register beginning Friday, December 26 in person at the library or by phoning 532-0160 x 3. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Well Said!

The Youth Services Department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grades 9 through 12 to stand up and speak boldly about controversial topics on Tuesday, January 13 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Register beginning Tuesday, December 30 in person at the library or by phoning 532-0160 x3. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

See & Do

The youth services department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites children ages 2 through 5 and their caregivers to come in, shake off the winter blues, and get cozy with books, music, and fun on Tuesday, January 6 from 10:00 – 11:00 A.M. Registration begins Monday, December 29. For additional information or to register, phone 532-0160 x 3. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Tinley Tomes

The Tinley Park Public Library afternoon adult book discussion group will meet Wednesday, January 14 at 1:30 pm to discuss Sons of Heaven by Terrence Cheng. No registration is required. Books will be available at the reference desk one month prior to discussion date. Large type and recorded editions are available upon request. For additional info, phone the reference desk at 532-0160 ext. 2. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Ave. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Celebrate the season with the Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce Holiday party on December 18 at the Odyssey Country Club. Tickets are $40 per person and available at 708-532-5700. Time of party is 6 to 11pm. Entertainment is provided by Diamond Music.

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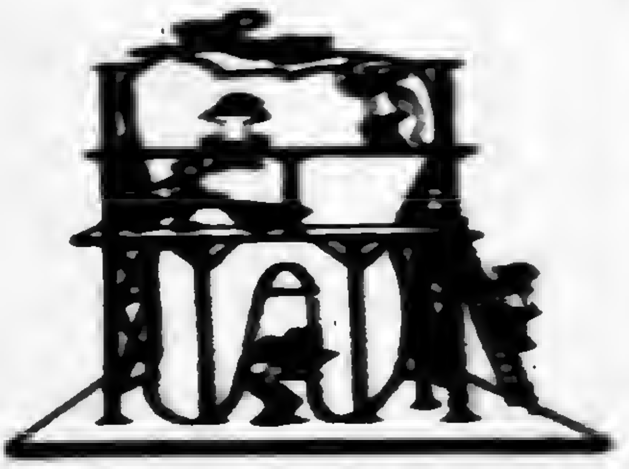

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Library Food Drive Held Over

The Oak Lawn Public Library has extended their food drive through Tuesday December 23. People can drop off nonperishable food, canned goods and paper products in the barrels near the Cook Avenue entrance. Donations are for needy families in the area.

Library address is 5300 W 95th Street.

Singles to meet

January 5th, Monday, general and planning meeting, 7:30 P.M.

First, we'll meet at St. Mary's Duggan Hall off the North parking lot. We'll go over the upcoming events, plans for the next two months (December + January), and sign up for the events already planned. Then we'll head on over to the new [illegible] on [illegible] and Cicero for food and drink. Contact John [illegible] at 773-585-8242 for more information and to let us know who will go to the restaurant. NOTE: This is the deadline to purchase tickets for the Blackhawks and Wizard of Oz.

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by Carlene O'Connor

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Choir will sing

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Welcome guests this Christmas season to the warmth and hospitality of a festive holiday meal at home.

Garlic-Crusted Beef Rib Roast makes a stunning focal point, especially when carved at the table. It's impressive, easy and definitely delicious.

White & Wild Rice Pilaf studded with pecans and dried cranberries is a perfect side dish. The splash of lemon juice gives it a refreshing flavor twist.

A spectacular dessert is always in good taste. Made with moist, deep orange-colored Louisiana sweet potatoes, this sugar-dusted Sweet Potato Bundt Cake promises to satisfy.

For additional holiday recipes and tips, visit: www.BeefItsWhatsForDinner.com, www.realemon.com, www.sweetpotatoes.org

Garlic-Crusted Beef Rib Roast Total preparation and cooking time: 3 hours

1	beef rib roast (2 to 4 ribs), small end, chine (back) bone removed (6 to 8 pounds)		
2	teaspoons cracked black pepper	2	medium heads garlic
2	tablespoons olive oil	1/2	teaspoon dried thyme leaves
1/4	teaspoon salt	1/8	teaspoon white pepper

Leek Sauce:

2	teaspoons olive oil	1/4	teaspoon white pepper
1	cup leeks (white and pale green parts only), cut in half lengthwise then crosswise into thin strips		
1	container (8 ounces) dairy sour cream	2	tablespoons milk
2	tablespoons Dijon-style mustard	1/4	teaspoon salt
1/4	teaspoon white pepper		

1. Heat oven to 350_F. Place beef roast, fat side up, on rack in shallow roasting pan. Rub all sides of roast with cracked black pepper. Cut about 1/4 inch off the stem end of each garlic head, exposing cloves. Remove outer papery skin, leaving heads intact. Place garlic in center of 12-inch-square heavy-duty aluminum foil; drizzle with oil and fold up edges to seal tightly. Place garlic packet alongside roast in pan.
2. Insert ovenproof meat thermometer so tip is centered in thickest part of beef, not resting in fat or touching bone. Do not add water or cover. Roast beef and garlic heads in 350_F oven. Remove garlic from oven after 45 minutes; cool slightly. Continue roasting beef 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 hours for medium rare; 1-3/4 to 2 hours for medium doneness.
3. Meanwhile, squeeze garlic cloves from husks into medium bowl. Mash garlic with fork until smooth. Stir in thyme, salt and white pepper; set aside.
4. Heat oil in nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Cook and stir leeks 6 to 8 minutes or until they become slightly browned and crispy; set aside. Combine dairy sour cream, milk and mustard in small bowl. Season with salt and white pepper. Just before serving, stir in half the leeks; reserve remaining half to sprinkle on top of roast.
5. Remove roast when meat thermometer registers 135_F for medium rare; 150_F for medium. Transfer roast to carving board. Rub roast with garlic mixture; tent loosely with aluminum foil. Let stand 15 to 20 minutes. (Temperature will continue to rise about 10_F to reach 145_F for medium rare; 160_F for medium.) Sprinkle roast with reserved leeks and carve into slices. Serve with sauce. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

White & Wild Rice Pilaf Total preparation and cooking time: 1 hour

1/2	cup wild rice	3	cloves garlic, minced
1	can (13-3/4 to 14-1/4 ounces) ready-to-serve beef broth		
1/4	cup ReaLemon Lemon Juice From Concentrate		
1	cup long-grain white rice	1/2	cup coarsely chopped toasted pecans
1/3	cup dried cranberries	1/4	cup chopped green onions
1/4	cup chopped parsley	3/4	cup water

1. Place wild rice and garlic in saucepan; stir in beef broth, water and lemon juice. Bring to boil. Cover; reduce heat and simmer 30 minutes.
2. Add white rice; cover and simmer an additional 20 minutes. Remove pan from heat; stir in pecans, cranberries, green onions and parsley. Cover; let stand 5 minutes to allow cranberries to plump and flavors to blend. Serve warm.
Makes 6 to 8 servings

Cook's Tip: To toast pecans, spread in shallow baking pan. Bake at 350_F for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until toasted. Remove from pan. Let cool.

Sweet Potato Bundt Cake Total preparation and cooking time: 1 hour

1/2	cup butter, softened	1	cup sugar
2	large eggs		
2	cups cooked, mashed fresh sweet potatoes or 2 cans (15 ounces each) sweet potatoes, drained, mashed		
1	teaspoon vanilla extract	2	cups all-purpose flour
1	teaspoon baking powder	1	teaspoon baking soda
1	teaspoon ground cinnamon	1/2	teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2	cup chopped pecans		
1/3	cup flaked coconut Confectioners' sugar Glaze (optional, see below)		

1. Heat oven to 350_F. Beat together butter and sugar in mixing bowl until blended. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in sweet potatoes and vanilla. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and nutmeg in another bowl.
2. Gradually add flour mixture to creamed mixture, beating well after each addition. Stir in pecans and coconut. Spray 9-inch Bundt pan with nonstick cooking spray. Pour in batter.
3. Bake in 350_F oven 45 to 50 minutes or until wooden pick inserted into center of cake comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes; invert cake onto serving platter. Dust cake with confectioners' sugar or drizzle with glaze, as desired. Makes 16 servings.

Glaze (optional): In small bowl mix together 1 cup confectioners' sugar, 2 tablespoons milk and 1/2 teaspoon almond extract. Drizzle

Garlic-Crusted Beef Rib Roast, White & Wild Rice Pilaf and Sweet Potato Bundt Cake

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At this time of celebration, plan a menu that combines the best of time-honored Hanukkah favorites.

Ginger Beef Brisket With Dried Fruits, slowly simmered with apple juice, dried figs and apricots until fork-tender, wins raves. The thickened cooking liquid becomes a tasty sauce to serve alongside.

Sweet Potato Latkes, sautÉed just until tender and crisp, are a delicious twist on tradition. Deep orange and intensely flavored Louisiana sweet potatoes make latkes that please both the eye and the palate.

Beautiful Raspberry-Chocolate Cheesecake holds a delicious secret ingredient. Using lemon juice makes just the right flavor balance for the sweetness of the filling.

For additional holiday recipes and tips, visit: www.BeefItsWhatsForDinner.com www.realemon.com, www.sweetpotatoes.org

Ginger Beef Brisket With Dried Fruits Total preparation and cooking time: 3-1/2 hours

3	pound boneless beef brisket, flat cut	1	teaspoon salt
1	tablespoon olive oil	1-1/2	cups chopped onions
3	cloves garlic, minced	1/2	teaspoon pepper
1-1/2	cups apple juice or apple cider	12	dried figs or dried plums
3	tablespoons chopped crystallized ginger	12	dried apricots
2	tablespoons cornstarch dissolved in 1/4 cup water		

1. Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat until hot. Brown brisket on all sides; remove from pan.
2. Add onions and garlic to pan; cook and stir 3 minutes or until onions begin to soften. Transfer onion mixture to 5-quart saucepot or Dutch oven. Place beef brisket fat side up on top of onions and garlic. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Pour apple juice around brisket; bring to boil. Cover tightly; reduce heat and simmer 2 hours.
3. Add figs, apricots and ginger to pan. Continue cooking additional 1 to 1-1/2 hours or until brisket is fork-tender. Remove brisket from pan; keep warm. Strain cooking liquid, reserving fruit mixture.
4. Skim fat from cooking liquid. If necessary, continue cooking the liquid until reduced to 2 cups. Stir in cornstarch mixture. Cook and stir over medium-high heat until thickened and bubbly. Stir in fruit mixture.
5. Trim excess fat from brisket. Carve brisket across the grain into thin slices. Serve with sauce. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Sweet Potato Latkes Total preparation and cooking time: 30 minutes

3	cups peeled, shredded sweet potatoes	2	eggs, beaten
1/4	cup sliced green onions	1/4	cup all-purpose flour
1/4	teaspoon pepper Canola oil for frying	1	teaspoon salt

1. Combine sweet potatoes, eggs, onions, flour, salt and pepper in large bowl.
2. Pour oil to 1/4-inch depth in nonstick skillet. Heat over medium heat until hot. Measure 2 tablespoons potato mixture for each latke. Flatten in palm of hand. Place in oil and flatten again by pressing with large spatula.
3. Cook 2 minutes on each side or until golden and crispy. Remove from pan; drain on paper towels. Makes 8 (2 latke) servings.

See picture on page 11 with more recipes

Ginger Beef Brisket With Dried Fruits, Sweet Potato Latkes and Raspberry-Chocolate Cheesecake

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Raspberry-Chocolate Cheesecake Total preparation and cooking time: 50 minutes

1-1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs
1/4 cup sugar 1/3 cup butter, softened
2 packages (3 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk (NOT evaporated milk)
3 tablespoons ReaLemon Lemon Juice From Concentrate
1 teaspoon vanilla extract 1 egg
1 cup fresh or frozen loose pack raspberries Chocolate Glaze (recipe follows)

1. Heat oven to 350_F. Combine graham cracker crumbs, sugar and butter in medium bowl. Press mixture firmly on bottom and sides of 9-inch pie plate. Bake in 350_F oven 8 to 10 minutes; cool.

2. Meanwhile, beat cream cheese with mixer until fluffy. Gradually beat in condensed milk until smooth. Add egg, lemon juice and vanilla; mix well.

3. Arrange raspberries on bottom of crust. Slowly pour cream cheese mixture over berries. Bake pie in 350_F oven 30 to 35 minutes or until center is almost set. Cool. Drizzle Chocolate Glaze over cheesecake. Chill. Garnish as desired. Makes 8 servings

Chocolate Glaze: Melt 1 (1-ounce) square semisweet chocolate with 1/4 cup whipping cream in small saucepan over low heat. Cook and stir until thickened and smooth. Remove from heat.

Treat your tastebuds to the Holiday goodies but don't overwork your stomach by overeating. The rest of you will regret it later

HOLIDAY FAMILY MEALTIME TIP OF THE WEEK

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Spirit Airlines, the largest privately-held carrier in the U.S. and the low-fare leader today announced it will be reconfiguring every aircraft in the Spirit fleet. The airline's fleet of MD-80's will go from 156 seats to 150.

The interior work is expected to be complete by the end of October, just in time for the winter travel season.

"We are taking out a row of coach class seats and making some other adjustments to expand our one-year-old category of service, Spirit Plus," said the airline's CEO, Jacob Schorr.

"This reconfiguration will have an effect on both classes of service on the plane. The front area, Spirit Plus with wide leather seats in rows of two by two, will be expanded from a capacity of 12 to a new capacity of 16. Spirit Plus seats have a pitch of 36 inches," said Schorr.

The rear area accommodating coach class passengers will be reconfigured to give nearly every seat a 31 inch pitch.

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Holiday Pleasure—The Nutcracker

Susanne Lopez and Willy Shives dance theri way into your hearts in "The Nutcracker"

by Marijo Doody

On December 5th, the Holiday Season got off to a grand start with the opening performance of The Joffery Ballet's perennial pleasure the "Nutcracker".

This Chicago family holiday tradition will run for 22 performances at the Auditorium Theater, 50 E. Congress Parkway, from December 5 to 28, 2003. The ballet is a source of some beautiful dancing for individuals and pairs as well as the solid supporting cast of dancers brought in for the performances.

The "Sugar Plum Fairy and the Nutcracker Prince", that was danced by Susanne Lopez and Willy Shives was exquisite and specrular. The reviewer in the Sun Times, Hedy Weiss , equates Lopez's dancing to that of the legendary British ballerina, Margot Fonteyn, and is dancing at her technical peak.

From our seats in the first row at the Auditorium, Willy and Susanne were a pleasure to observe with their smiles, joy, elegance and effort-free warmth.

The first act ending "snow scene" was superb in scenery, costumes and dancing. It was choreographed by Gerald Arpino, Founder and Artistic Director of The Joffery Ballet of Chicago. I could not help thinking of a scene of Yellowstone in the winter several years ago.

The lavish period costumes and specular scenery depicted in the first act is from Victorian America in the 1850's. The classic touches the child in each of us as it came alive when I went to the "The Nutcracker" at the Auditorium. It was a delight. It brought back memories when my nephew was five and said, Aunt Marijo, it is my turn for the ballet now. Note: this nephew is currently serving in the USN on the sea.

The characters in the ballet from Clara, the mice and tin solders, the mysterious Dr. Drosseelmeyer with the great black cape, to the lush dancing of the edible divertissements are as familiar as the beautiful score by Tchaikovsky. A really cool touch was the miniatures (children) on stage when the various divertissements were performed. They were Spanish, Arabian, Chinese, Russian and Marzipan. Expert dancers were Valerie Robinson (Chocolate), Deborah Dawn and Sam Pergande (Coffee), Dee Brown and Sam Franke (Tea) and the four Cossack's.

The "Waltz of the Flowers" with the male and female dancers was a joy to see and danced with exuberance and musically by the visual of flower petals in the wind.

The Joffery performances now have the pleasure of live music with the work of conductor Dr. Leslie Dunner and the Chicago Sinfonietta. This enlivens both the dancers and musicians.

The Joffery continues its tradition of being joined on stage by 125 young dancers from all over the Chicago area from Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin and all points in between. In addition, young vocalists from the Jubilate Children Choir provided the vocals for the "snow scene" along with delighting the audience prior to the ballet and at intermission with holiday classics. Other choirs will be performing at other performances.

The performance schedule is as follows: Fridays at 7:30pm, Saturdays 2 and 7:30pm, Sunday at 2pm. There will be additional performances on Wednesday December 17, Thursday December 18 at 6pm, Tuesday December 23 at 2 and 7:30pm and December 24 and 26 at 2pm.

Tickets are available at the box office or Ticketmaster at 312-902-1500. The Auditorium does not allow children under 6

Dance & Theater

Resident joins the Lord of the Rings Adventure

Palos Hills, Ill., resident Sandra Reisdorf will get the chance to retrace the adventures of Frodo, Gandalf and the rest of the Fellowship of the Ring because she won a trip for two to New Zealand in Dr Pepper/Seven Up, Inc.'s online consumer sweepstakes.

"This is so exciting. I've never won anything quite like this before. I just thought I could bid on some fun 'The Lord of the Rings' items, as I've enjoyed all the movies," Reisdorf said, who will take her sister on the trip with her. "It has always been my dream to go to Australia or New Zealand, and now I get to go – for free of all things."

Dr Pepper/Seven Up's online promotion supporting the Aug. 26 DVD/VHS release of "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" ran from August to October. Consumers were able to enter for a chance to win a trip to New Zealand on LiquidLoot.com, the Web site for Dr Pepper/Seven Up's online consumer loyalty program presented by eBay®.

In addition to the online sweepstakes prize, consumers were able to collect points from specially marked soft drinks, including 7 UP, dnL, Sunkist Orange Soda, A&W Root Beer and Canada Dry; and bid on exciting "The Lord of the Rings" collectible merchandise in an online auction-style process at LiquidLoot.com.

"We are thrilled we are able to offer Sandra the chance to be a part of the 'Fellowship.' We had a huge, positive response from our consumers about our 'The Lord of the Rings' promotion," said Carol Duncan, director of promotions for Dr Pepper/Seven Up. "'The Lord of the Rings' franchise has been capturing the imagination of consumers since J.R.R Tolkien's epic fantasy debuted in book form more than 45 years ago. We were excited we could share the adventure not only with Sandra but all our consumers."

"The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" stars Sean Austin, Cate Blanchett, Orlando Bloom, Billy Boyd, Brad Dourif, Bernard Hill, Christopher Hill, Ian McKellen, Dominic Monaghan, Viggo Mortensen, Miranda Otto, John Rhys-Davies, Andy Serkis, Liv Tyler, Hugo Weaving, Karl Urban, David Wenham and Elijah Wood.

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Willowbrook Ballroom holds dances

The dancing schedule for the Willowbrook is as follows: Country and Western Dance: December 15 & 16 at 7:30 to 10:30. Cost is $6 and jeans and boots are welcome.

Salsa Night is December 17 from 7:30 to 11 pm. Cost is $7 and no jeans or gym shoes. The Good Time Charlie Singles Dance is December 19th. Admission is $7. Proper attire is required.

On December 21st, the Afternoon Ballroom is from 2 to 5:30pm. Admission is $12 and proper attire required. In the evening the Sunday Night Swing Dance will be held. Admission is $7. Dancers are encouraged to attend in vintage attire. Lessons are the first hour. Dancing is 7:30 to 11:30pm.

There will be a New Year's Eve Country Celebration. Cost is $35 per person with an advanced registration required. The buffet dinner is 8-9:30pm and dancing is 9-1am. For further information call 708-839-1000.

The party will be in the Arbor Room at Willowbrook Ballroom, 8900 S. Archer Ave., Willow Springs.

Orland Park Theater holds auditions

Orland Park Theater Troupe, under the Village's Recreation and Parks Department has slated a musical in its spring 2004 production. Auditions for "Annie Get Your Gun" the American classic will be held at the Old Village Hall, 14415 South Beacon Avenue on

Sunday: January 4, 2004 from 1pm to 5pm and on Monday: January 5 from 7 to 10pm.

"Annie Get Your Gun" opened on Broadway's Imperial Theater and was the longest running musical of the 1940's.

The story revolves around Annie Oakley, an illiterate hillbilly with a knack for shooting guns. Auditions are open to all ages. Reading will be from the script and everyone must be able to read. Those trying out need to bring a musical piece to perform must be prepared to learn and perform a dance. Once cast, participants must pay a registration fee or secure an equivalent amount of advertising for the show's program.

Center for Performing Arts sets programs

The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University continues its 2003-2004 season of theater, dance, comedy and music programming with announcing highlights. The Winter/Spring 2004 schedule includes The Russian National Ballet in Swan Lake (January 11, 2004) Teatro Lirico D'Europa in La Traviata (February 8). Vicki Lawrence & Mama: A Two Woman Show (February 28) and Diane Reeves (May 22).

World-class ballet takes center stage in the coming months with the internationally renowned Russian National Ballet and the Joffery Ballet of Chicago (April 17) performing repertoire by choreographers Robert Joffrey, Gerald Arpino and more.

Other theater offerings include Freeman of Color from Victory Gardens Theater (March 7), Club Swing-Swing Music of the 1940's (April 25), and Mother's Day weekend Forever Plaid (May 8 & 9).

Music programming includes a Beatles tribute by American English (January 24), a New Orleans style evening of Jazz with Preservation Hall Jazz Band (February 21), an early St. Patrick celebration March 6 with Gaelic Storm.

The programs for kids include Cinderella (January 31, Corduroy (February 28) and The Little Engine That Could (May 1). For tickets or more information call the box office at 708-236-2222. Visit the web at www.tickets.com. The center is located at Governors Highway and University Parkway 45 minutes south of the Loop off I57 at Sauk Trail. Parking is free.

Playwright/Author John Powers

Saint Linus Parish will feature "Growing up Catholic" a presentation by John Powers.

the playwright and author in person. John Powers is the playwright and co-producer of the hit Broadway musical "Do Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?"

The event will be hosted at Saint Linus Gym, 103rd and Lawler, Oak Lawn on Friday January 16th and 17th at 6pm. Tickets are $40 and include dinner with a cash bar and entertainment by Mr. Powers.

For tickets call (Friday) Linda at 708-636-3917 and (Saturday) Karen 708-636-7849.

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A note to Drury Lane -Martinique advocates

By Marijo Doody

As we all know the Evergreen Park Martinique will be closing down next year. We are all sad to see this happen. If anyone would care to e-mail the Village View News at Villageviewnews@aol.com or jot a note off we would be happy to make a notation of what the Drury Lane-Martinique means to you and your family.

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Energy savings for the holidays!

The LED lights used in the decorative display for the holidays at The Centre for Performing Arts in Vancouver, British Columbia, will save enough electricity this holiday season to light more than three houses for an entire year. The 21,000 lights pictured here will be lit for 44 days. In that time, they will consume 296 kWh (kilowatt-hours) of electricity. If they were traditional incandescent bulbs, they would consume 36,960 kWh of electricity, representing a savings of 36,664 kWh in just under a month and a half. The average home consumes approximately 10,000 kWh of electricity a year.

Electricity can be saved with new holiday lights. The Department of Energy study points out the huge savings possible with light emitting diode (LED) holiday lights. The study points out that, conservatively, 2-billion Kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity can be saved in one 30-day period during the holidays each year if traditional incandescent holiday lights were replaced by the new LED-based holiday lights now on the market. That's enough electricity to power about 200,000 homes for a year.

Centre in Vancouver Light Display View of Cone
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A summary of attractions is as follows: Arctic Ice Rink: free open skating, except [illegible] your own. In-Line Skate Track: skate around the hall [illegible] distance as above. It is necessary to have [illegible]. This area will also feature climbing walls, a [illegible] attraction.

A unique model train display will take guests on a cross-country tour from New York to Chicago with full sound and lights. The station is a 30-foot-tall Victorian model. Over 900 feet of track will run twenty-five trains in various sizes through background.

Other attractions are as follows: Santa Visits, Reindeer Express Train, A Musical Carousel, Create a Cookie Cottage, Winter Wonder Stage, Craft Corner and Inflatable Games.

Admission is free. All-day activity wristbands, which allow unlimited access to all attractions, are available for $12.

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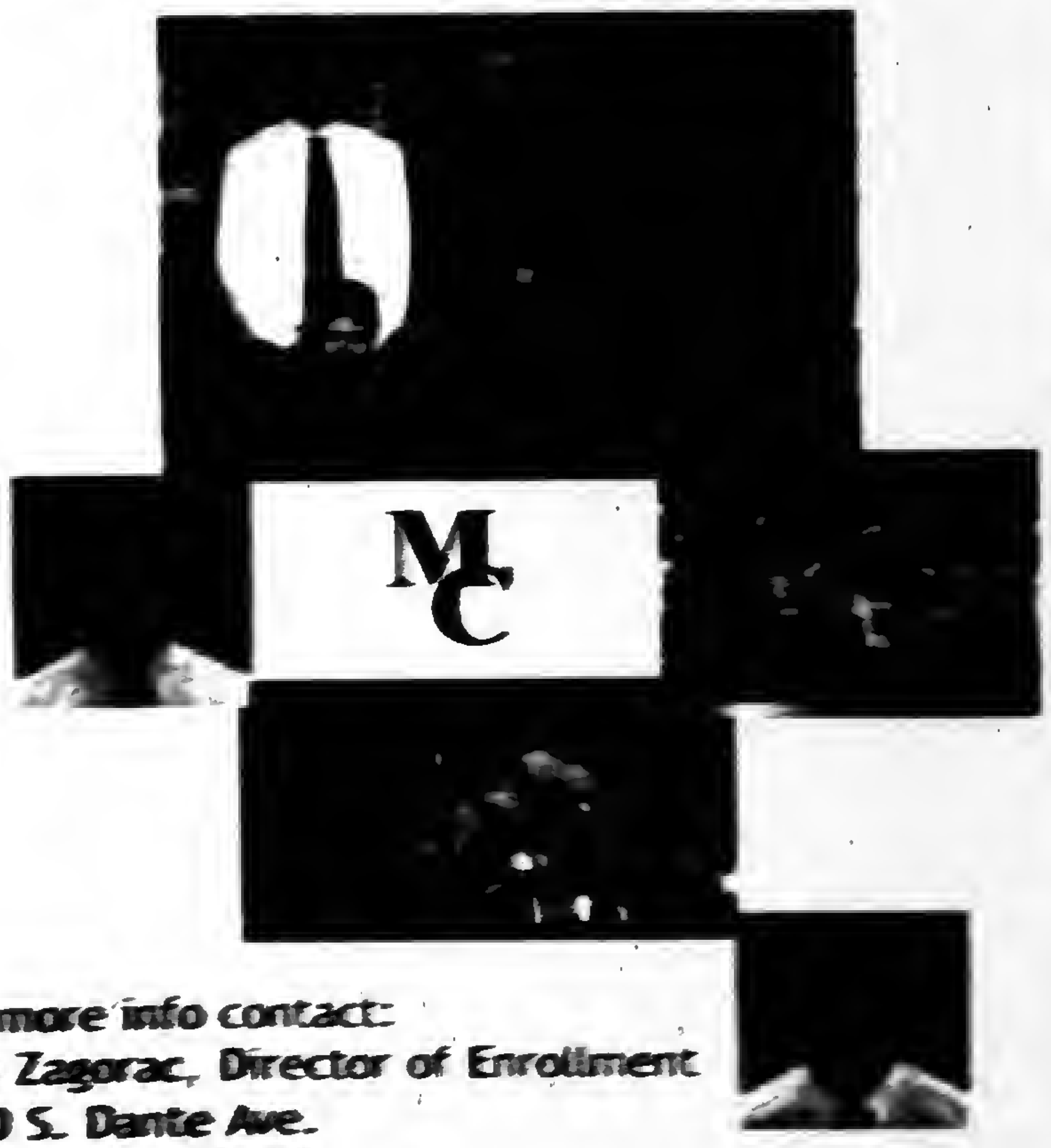

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Gift-Giving tips in a professional environment

Smart gift-giving during the holidays can help keep a company busy all year long. It's a great way to show you appreciate your clients, contacts, employees or peers. It also helps to keep the sender top-of-mind throughout the year. Here are a few tips from Jeff Zbar, a small business authority and Office Depot's Gift Giving Expert, for selecting the right gift for business associates and leaving a lasting impression all year long.

Tip #1: Ask the right questions. Find out what your recipient is interested in. Would your boss enjoy a basketball hoop that attaches to the trash can for stress relief or is he or she more of a golf fanatic and would appreciate an automatic return golf putter? For baskets of food or other edible treats, be sure to check on food allergies and religious or ethnic observances that might prohibit your recipient from eating the gift's contents. And with all gifts, make sure the recipient's employer doesn't forbid such generosity.

Tip #2: Make it a keepsake. You want your client to be reminded of your thoughtful gesture all year long-especially when additional business opportunities arise. Browse catalogs or Web sites for useful gifts or promotional items that say something about you. A direct mail consultant might consider giving a letter opener, or the owner of a graphic design firm could give a box of nicely designed business cards or stationery. Make the gift personal-and memorable. Many retailers, including Office Depot, have business-appropriate gifts in all price ranges that can meet your personal gift-giving needs.

Tip #3: Shop early, send early. The last thing you want during the holiday season is for your gift to get lost in the holiday shuffle. Many employees choose to take time off during the last two weeks of December and you don't want your gift sitting in their inbox until after the New Year. But, if you are a last minute shopper, don't worry. You can rush deliver your gifts so they arrive just before the holiday. Remember, a late gift is better than no gift at all.

Tip #4: Don't forget about your assistant or secretary. It's important to thank that one person who helps you to be successful on a daily basis. For example, a great gift idea is the Sharp YO-P20 Personal Organizer which comes in a sleek PDA style design, stores thousands of entries including three telephone/address books, a world clock, calculator and scheduler. Plus, it's sold at major office supply retailers for just under $20.

Tip #5: Give thanks year-round. Remember: The ultimate goal of holiday gift-giving is to say thanks for someone's business and for them to remember you the next time they need your services. So don't relegate this to once a year. Remember your clients with thank you cards or notes on a regular basis.

Online postage gives the gift of time this season

Using U.S. Postal Service-approved online services such as Stamps.com, computer users can print postage and send packages of any size or mail class domestically or internationally-without setting foot outside their home or office. Customers also can take advantage of discounted delivery confirmation, online package tracking and the ability to insure packages without filling out tedious forms.

For example, Stamps.com customers can print a shipping label complete with postage on any sheet of 81/2" x 11" paper. They also can print postage on NetStamps labels and use them just like regular stamps on postcards, envelopes or packages. For the holidays, Stamps.com has designed holiday-themed NetStamps labels.

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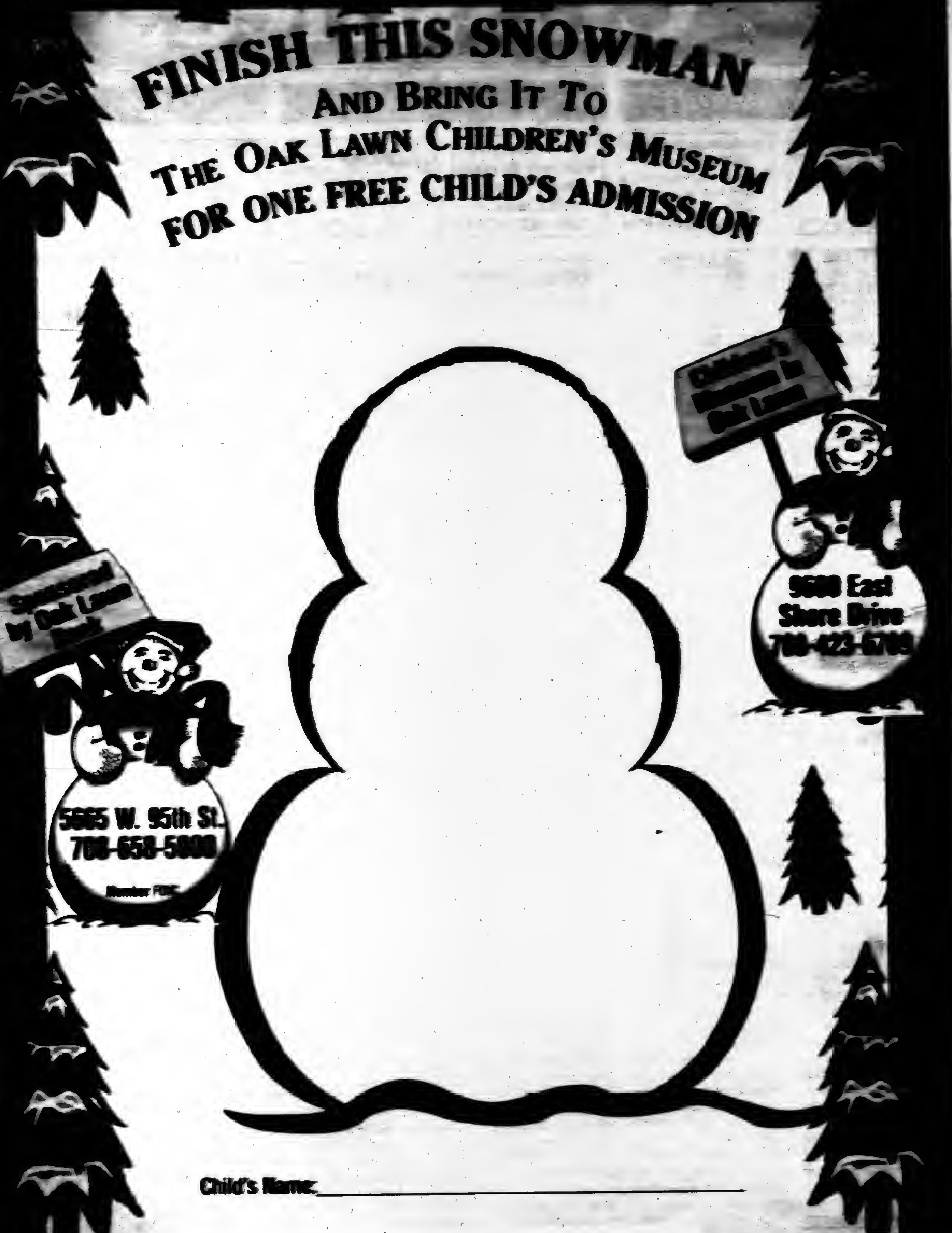

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rland Park moved one closer Monday, Decem- , to finalizing an issue as long been a thorn in des of many Board of ees members. The vil- carrying through on an exation agreement ed June 2 of this year. t to approve the record f the new Colette High- s development at the heast corner of 159th t and 108th Avenue. project is more than a n the making.

hen completed, Colette lands will comprise acres, including an acre Metra lot. In addi- , as previously reported e Village View, the com- will construct 67 single- ly homes, as well as 96 dominiums. Also to be ded are park and recre- areas, as well as an 8.5- parcel of land for com- cial business.

l-will over the issue n June's close and con- ous vote still remained in Hall, as Trustees Ber- t Murphy, Edward ssler and James Dodge ted against the measure. iously, Trustee Murphy been skeptical of the million Orland Park had nteered to front for the ect.

owever, the basic design he project is still subject e approval of the Orland k staff and IDOT offi- s, meaning that Orland 's vote will only get the rolling towards an even- permanent design and truction.

n other news, the village roved an ordinance to inue the Safe Ride Home gram for the year 2004. Safe Ride programs offer free ride——no questions asked— from party-to-home for drivers who feel they are too inebriated to soberly transport themselves home. The program, which will utilize eight vehicles come January, has received additional interest from surrounding cities, such as Orland Hills, Tinley Park, Palos Park, Mokena, Frankfort and New Lenox.

If all of the mentioned villages participate in the Orland Park-spearheaded program, Town & Country would charge each village less than $400. Last year, Orland Park used their six automobiles 71 times, carrying a total of 197 people.

In pecuniary news, the village moved to approve a loan to the stone supplier AWMCO. Orland is set to loan the company $250,000 at 2.0% interest for a term of 5 years. AWMCO is planning on erecting a building at the corner of 184th Place and 116th Avenue. Though the new AWMCO building must comply with village building code standards, and the loan itself is subject to any incipient village demands, it appears that AWMCO will soon be on the south side.

OF Church celebrates Christmas

Oak Forest's Lutheran Church of the Resurrection will celebrate on Christmas Eve at 5:30 and 11pm and on Christmas day at 10am. The church is located at 1515 & Central.

Orland Park's Clare Kowracki, age 3, tells Santa what she'd like for Christmas at the Orland Park Recreation Department's Pre-School Recital and Holiday Party held at the Orland Park Civic Center.

Orland Park Churches hold Christmas services

Orland Park Christmas Eve's services at the Ashburn Baptist Church will be at 6pm. Pastor Vernon Lyons will preach at the Festival Service Christmas Day at 10am. The church is located at Wolf Road at 153rd St. Child care and handicap facilities are accessible.

The Presbyterian Church in Orland Park will hold Christmas Eve at 5pm for the story telling and the lighting of Christ's candle. The candle-lighting worship service is at 11pm. The church is located at 13401 S. Wolf Road.

Orland Employees Conduct Drive

Employees of the Village of Orland Park are asking for the community's help to make the holidays brighter for local families. They will collect non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped toys for needy families in Orland Township.

Collection boxes will be located at the Village Hall, 14700 S. Ravinia Ave; Recreation Center, 14650 S. Ravinia Ave; the Civic Center, 14750 S. Ravinia Ave; Police Station, 15100 S. Ravinia Ave; Robert Davidson Center, 14700 Park Lane; Public Works Department, 15655 S. Ravinia Ave; and at the Village Sportsplex, 11351 W. 159th St. through Thursday, December 18th, at which time all donations will be delivered to the Orland Township Food Pantry.

Further information about the Village of Orland Park Employees' Holiday Drive for Orland Township is available by calling the Village Hall at 708/403-6140.

Here comes Santa Claus

Santa listens intently as Timmy Klotz, 4, of Orland Park, describes what he wants for Christmas. Students in the Orland Park Recreation Department's Playskool Program visited with Santa during the school's annual holiday festivities.

New Year's Eve Safe Ride Home Program

The New Year's Eve Safe Ride Home Program offers FREE rides home on Wednesday, December 31, 2003 from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. Thursday, January 1, 2004 for residents of Orland Park, New Lenox, Mokena, Palos Park, Tinley Park, Orland Hills and Frankfort.

Town & Country Limousine provides the vehicles to give residents of the participating towns a ride home. The driver will take you home, not to another party or public establishment. There is no charge for this service and no names will be taken or questions asked. The service is provided to help make this a safe New Year's Eve for everyone on the road. Residents may call Town & Country at 1-800-381-6222 to arrange for a free ride.

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Orland Police Offer Tips To Make Driving Safer

Many of the main roadways in Orland Park and surrounding communities are divided by "mountable" medians or painted medians that are outlined by double yellow lines and diagonal stripes from edge to edge. The practice of motorists driving on medians to gain access to a left turn lane or to go around backups in traffic has caused numerous crashes resulting in many injuries. Some motorists have been observed crossing over double yellow center lines to drive the wrong way against the opposing traffic to move up in traffic.

The Orland police remind all motorists that crossing over double yellow center lines and driving on medians are illegal.

The Orland police are going to aggressively enforce the law prohibiting these violations. However, we would much rather see a decrease in the number of violations and crashes through voluntary compliance, than an increase in the number of tickets written. We need your help! Our appeal is for all motorists to obey the traffic laws and the speed limit to make Orland and the surrounding communities a safer place to drive. Some helpful hints to make driving safer are:

1. Allow extra time to complete your journey -2. Be patient, be courteous - have the holiday spirit. 3. Obey the speed limit 4. Drive defensively 5. Don't assume anything of the other motorists 6. Don't follow too closely 7. Obey red lights.

And, Remember to "Buckle up and Drive Sober" Our wish is for all to have a safe and happy holiday season.

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Children's Holiday events held at Chicago Ridge Library

Children ages 3-13 are invited to Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford on Saturday, December 20 for an afternoon of holiday craft making. The craft room will be open from 1:00-4:30. Children may drop in at anytime during those hours to make and take a variety of holiday crafts.

Mom's Chopping Day Alone will be on Monday, December 22 from 10:00-12:-- and 2:00-4:00. Moms can have a two hour block of time to run to the mall while the kids take part in constructive activities at the library. During the morning time slot there will be a bingo game, a craft, and a read-aloud time. during the afternoon, there will be a movie and a craft. Children may be registered for one or both time slots, but must be picked up between the morning and afternoon sessions. Children under the age of seven must have an adult 18 or older in the library with them for the entire two hour block.

Registration for these programs can be done in person or by calling 708-423-7753. For more information regarding either program, please call the library and ask for the Youth Services desk.

Commissioner Terrence O'Brien

New president announced

Commissioner Terrence O'Brien, President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, has assumed another presidency. He has been elected President of the "Ground Hog Club". The Ground Hog Club is comprised of members of the Underground Contractors Association. The Ground Hog Club has been around the Chicago area for a long time. O'Brien is the first public official ever elected president.

O'Brien was first elected Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District in 1988. He was reelected for his second six year term in 1994 and again in 2000. In 1997 O'Brien was elected President of the Board of Commissioners by his peers. He was re-elected president in 1999, 2001, and 2003.

Palos Bank and Trust makes announcement

Gregory J. Paetow, president of Palos Bank and Trust announced that Jan Haffner who joined the bank in September as Vice President will head the bank's recently formed Prestige travel Club.

Ms. Haffner brings over 25 years of travel club experience to Palos Bank and looks forward to offering the many attractive benifits, services and travel options that she is known for in the Chicago and south suburban areazas. Jan is the founder of three leading travel clubs considered benchmarks in the industryu: The Heritage Club, the Premier Club and the Prosperity Club.

Jan looks forward to meeting and working with the members of the Prestige Travel Club at Palos Bank. She works out the the bank's Palos Heights location at 12600 South Harlem Avenue and can be reached at (708) 448-9100, Ext. 2065.

Jennifer Carr, CPA

Trust Officer joins Founders Bank

Helen Socha, Executive vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Founders Bank has announced the appointment of Jennifer Carr, CPA, to Trust Officer/Tax Administrator.

Ms. Carr, previously with the former South Holland Bank, held the position of Assistant Trust Tax Administrator for the Trust Department.

Ms. Socha stated "Ms. Carr brings with her many years of experience specializing in the taxation of trust, individuals, estates, and gifts. She will develop an internal trust tax department which will enable Founders Bank to provide greater expertise and convenience to not only our trust clients, but also to all our bank customers. In addition, Ms. Carr will administer various trust accounts, and help develop new business.

Carr stated "I look forward to joining the founders Bank team. They are committed to providing excellent customer service. In today's financial market, trust services are more important than ever to help provide a solid financial future for individuals and businesses. I am anxious to bring my skills and experience to Founders Bank."

Ms. Carr, a resident of Lockport, received her Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Governors State University and is currently pursuing her Master os Science in Taxation from Northern Illinois University. In her spare time she enjoys golfing, camping, and rollerblading.

For your trust and financial needs, please call 708-448-6500. Founders Bank has offices in Worth, Palos Heights, Oak Lawn, Mount Greenwood, Joliet, Minooka, Channahon, Plainfield, Homer Glen and Tinley Park.

Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau encourages development along Cal-Sag

At the suggestion of the Southwest Conference of Mayors, the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau (CSCVB) recently unanimously passed a resolution at its bi-monthly board of Directors to encourage and asssist in the planning and development of the Cal-Sag channel Corridor for recreational and tourism purposes.

The resolution stresses the need for communication and cooperation in development plans for the Cal-Sag Channel. The resolution encourages regional organizations to work together with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, the Cook County Forest Preserve District, and local park districts and municipalities to advance sensible development plans for the corridor.

The Cal-Sag Channel is an underutilized gem in the Southland, according to Vicky Smith, Executive Director of the Southwest Conference of Mayors and CSCVB board member. While some recreational development has occurred along the Channel, no concerted effort has been advanced to develop the Channel corridor as a tourism and recreational destination for the region.

"(This is) such an exciting endeavor that can potentially put the south/southwest suburbs on the map as a visitor attraction," Smith said. "A master plan for Cal-Sag development can gave a great economic impact on the entire region."

Jim Garret, CSCVB President/CEO agreed, saying, "We've realized the importance of the Cal-Sag Channel to the Southland for some time, as both a transportation route and an area ripe for tourism development.

Garrett envisions trails, restaurants, entertainment venues, attractions, and marinas along the Cal-Sag Channel, bringing visitors that will patronize these tourism amenities and stay overnight in Southland hotels and motels.

Other regions have taken underutilized and polluted waterways and transformed them into major visitor draws, and Garrett sees no reason the Southland cannot do so as well.

Once all the relevant organizations have pledged their support for the project, the Planners Forum will begin the process of developing a master plan for the Cal-Sag Channel in the Chicago Southland.

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